California Motor Corps No I -

July 1918 to January - 1919 -

" TENSHUN!"

I've known a lot of heroes
Since my race in life began--
The guy that copped the laurels
And the dub who also ran:
But now I've got the number
Of the hero of this war
I've seen the only private in
The woman's motor corps;
There's a major and a captain,
And lieutenants five or six,
Who are, God wot, all officers,
And with the favored mix.
And then there are some sergeants,
And corporals a score--
And just a single private in
The woman's motor corps.
Sure, the major and the captain,
And all the lieuties, too,
Who wear the pretty uniforms,
Are woman good and true--
But while they lead the legions
And go marching on before,
I'll salute the only private in
The woman's motor corps.

Main 17-8

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Notes on California Motor Corps, Unit Number I.
Calif. Home Defense Reserves.

Included 2 pictures.

See Dec.I,1918 issue of the San Diego Union. (pictures)

Quote from article in San Diego Union, Nov. 1918;
Headline; "Women Drivers Do Valiant Duty"

" When the history of the influenza epidemic is written in the U.S., the work of the Motor Corps women will receive much comendation. Here in S.D. 123 influenza calls were made by the motor corp ambulance. Four of these were long trips out of town.

Women on ambulance duty carry sick influenza patients out of their places of living on stretchers to the ambulance, and then do stretcher duty again at the destination. Although these women are exposed daily to the influenza epidemic, yet because of the precautions taken and the high state of health required in order to be a member of the Motor Corps, not a single case of influenza was contracted..

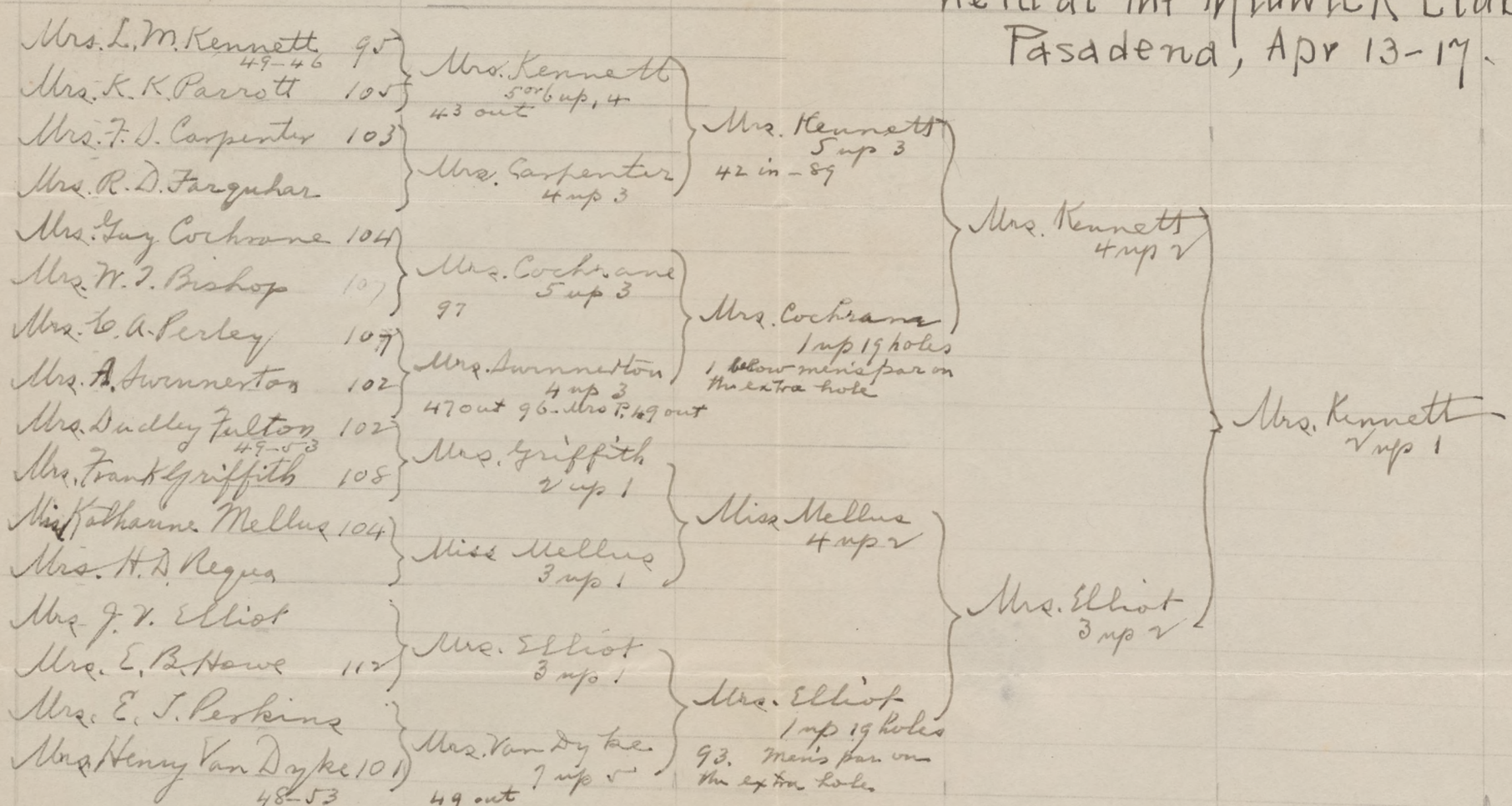
The ambulance was on call 24 hours every day. Sargent GERTRUDE WOOD, the regular night driver, was on duty 224 hours, or over 10 hours a night, during the last three weeks of the epimemic from Oct.26 to Nov. 16, 1918. There was an average of three calls a night. Answering a phone call, Sargent WOOD would take the ambulance from its station, call for her assistants, and then procede to the street number given in the call. Often the call came from the most unsavory part of town and she, with her helpers, would dismount, invade the house, or rooming place, and hurry the influenza stricken patient out to an emergency hospital. "

Mrs. Gertrude Wood Has a copy of my report of the Calif. Motor Corps No. I, from which you can get any statistics required in regard to the work.

Luther S. Kennett

Mrs. Luther Kennett, Captain
Calif. Motor Corps Home Reserves.

CHART and SUMMARY, C.W.G.Assn. State Championship, 1915.
held at the Midwick Club., Pasadena, Apr 13-17.


Mrs. L. M. Kennett 95 (49-46)
Mrs. K. K. Parrott 105
Mrs. F. S. Carpenter 103
Mrs. R. D. Farquhar
Mrs. Guy Cochrane 104
Mrs. W. J. Bishop 107
Mrs. G. A. Perley
Mrs. A. Swinnerton 102
Mrs. Dudley Fulton 102 (49-53)
Mrs. Frank Griffith 108
Miss Katharine Mellus 104
Mrs. H. D. Regua
Mrs. J. V. Elliot
Mrs. E. B. Howe 112
Mrs. E. J. Perkins
Mrs. Henry Van Dyke 101 (48-53)
Mrs. Kennett 5 or 6 up, 4
43 out
Mrs. Carpenter 4 up 3
Mrs. Cochrane 5 up 3
97
Mrs. Swinnerton 4 up 3
47 out 96 - Mrs P. 49 out
Mrs. Griffith 2 up 1
Miss Mellus 3 up 1
Mrs. Elliot 3 up 1
Mrs. Van Dyke 1 up
49 out
Mrs. Kennett 5 up 3
42 in - 84
Mrs. Cochrane 1 up 19 holes
1 below men's par on the extra hole
Miss Mellus 4 up 2
Mrs. Elliot 1 up 19 holes
93. Men's par on the extra hole
Mrs. Kennett 4 up 2
Mrs. Elliot 3 up 2
Mrs. Kennett 1 up

Consolation Handicap won by Miss Elizabeth Sherk 102-24, 78. Mrs Carpenter gross 93, Mrs Van D. 95
Second Flight won by Miss Mildred Landreth 3 up 1 from Mrs Ford Griffith
Beaten Eight won by Mrs Farquhar from Mrs Howe 3 up 2
Bogey Handicap Match Play won by Miss Landreth, Mrs Mellus 2d (43-47-90) Miss L. 92
Driving Contest won by Miss Sherk - 5 4 0 - 52 yds best 194, Mrs Cochrane 2d 530 yds 183 yds
Approaching & Putting won by Mrs Frank Griffith after three ties tying with Mrs Carpenter at 8.9.10.

California Motor Corps No I –

Isabella Kennett – 1st Lieut – in Charge Truck + Sal[illegible]e

Taking the Oath at the Muster — Sec D
Organization into Cal — Militia Home Defense Reserves

August 28, 1918

Officers of Cal. Motor Corps No I at time of Muster In – Left to right – Cap. Ethel Boyle – 1st Lieut Isabella Kennett

Major Eva Bowith, 2nd Lt. A[illegible] Tullane 1st Lt. Marianna Sands –

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C. M. C. in Peace Parade Nov- 11th 1918-

M. C. Salvage Truck – Sgt. Huntington, Prio Martin Priv – Herd –

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GREAT INTEREST IN MOTOR CORPS SUPPER-DANCE

San Diegans and members of the local summer, army, navy and aviation colonies are eagerly waiting Friday night's "Motor Corps of America" super-dance at the U. S. Grant auditorium. With the local chapter of the corps growing every day in number and interest through the success the corps is enjoying in enlistments and accomplishments, the informal and public dance Friday night has back of it more than the interest of members of the corps.

From Los Angeles word was received last night that Mrs. J. Folsom Tindle, Miss Ethel Davenport, Mrs. Brock Dale King, Mrs. J. T. Vinifeld, Miss Dorothy Landton and Miss Ada Burton would motor down for the fete. The news of the intentions of these prominent Angelenians to participate in the fete is but another indication of the interest out of town, as well as local, folk are expressing in the affair.

That the dance will have more than usual entertainment numbers is assured by Director Sofer of the orchestra promising to introduce the "Motor Corps of America waltz" Friday night, the number being dedicated to the commandant of the local chapter. Other specialty numbers will be introduced, dancing being featured between each "act." Arrangements have been made for the guests of honor table at the east end of the auditorium, with plans for Mrs. Ethel B. Doyle, Mrs. Austin Sands, Miss Rhoda Fullam, Mrs. Luther Kennett, Miss Stella Klauber, Mrs. E. C. Abbott and Mrs. E. B. Bosworth.

The reservation list of prominent younger set members and matrons who will participate in the dance insures a good attendance, many army, navy and aviation folk planning on entertaining with informal parties.

At last night's "aviation dance" much was heard of Friday night's fete, Mrs. Earle W. Tanner, wife of Col. Tanner, commander of the 81st Infantry, Camp Kearny, being among those commending the work of the local chapter. With residents and out-of-town folk, as well as those prominent in army, navy and aviation circles, enthusiastic Friday night should prove a record success.

FAY MUSTERS IN FIRST MOTOR CORPS

One of the most impressive ceremonies in the history of women's activities in San Diego took place yesterday afternoon at the stadium at 4:30 o'clock, when Maj. Herbert R. Fay, assistant adjutant general of the state of California, mustered into military service California Motor Corps No. 1, home defense reserves, composed entirely of women, and awarded commissions as follows from the governor of the state: Major, Mrs. Eva Bird Bosworth; captain, Mrs. Ethel B. Doyle; first lieutenants, Mrs. Austin Sands and Mrs. Luther Kennett; second lieutenant, Miss Rhoda Fullam.

In a brief talk to the corps, after he had administered the oath of allegiance, Maj. Fay stated that he was highly honored to act as the mustering officer to the first motor corps unit of women in the state of California under military authority, and probably the first corps in the United States. He spoke of the splendid executive ability displayed by the women in the work of recruiting and organizing the corps, and expressed for the adjutant general and governor of the state their appreciation of the loyalty of the members and their desire to serve their country during the period of the war.

Maj. Fay, with the two senior officers of the corps, inspected the unit before mustering them in, and personally placed the insignia of rank upon the uniforms of the officers, making an impressive talk to each one in regard to their duties and the seriousness of the work they have been appointed to perform for the state and the government.

Present at the mustering ceremony, by invitation of the corps, were Mrs. A. L. Simpson, chairman of the women's committee of the county council of defense; Mrs. O. J. Kendal of the Talent Workers and the service hospital; Judge T. L. Lewis, chairman of the county council of defense; District Attorney Schuermayer, and other members of the defense council, all of whom said at the conclusion of the exercises that they had been privileged to witness one of the most impressive ceremonies ever performed in San Diego.

Following the formal muster, Maj. Fay read to the members of the corps the general orders signed by the adjutant general for the governor, which will govern this first state corps and all future corps which are organized under state authority, in which the training necessary, the discipline to be maintained and the uniforms prescribed, was set forth.

Moving pictures were taken of the exercises, which will be shown all over this country and abroad.

COMTESSE GRATEFUL FOR COURTESIES

Expressing the gratitude of the beautiful French comtesse, Madeline de Bryas, who was recently entertained during her visit to this city by the members of the California Motor Corps, the following letter was received yesterday by Mrs. Luther Kennett from the sister of the comtesse, Mlle. Jacqueline de Bryas:

"My Dear Mrs. Kennett: My sister and I still think with warmest gratitude of all the great kindness you showed us when we were in Coronado. We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to each member of the motor corps, and in particular to the captain, for the hearty welcome that we received during our stay in San Diego. We are very glad to have had the great pleasure of meeting you, and with many repeated thanks and our warmest remembrances, believe me, very sincerely yours,

"JACQUELINE DE BRYAS."

RED CROSS ASKS MORE SALVAGE MATERIAL

H. H. Jones manager of the San Diego Consolidated Gas and Electric company, and the man behind the salvage department of the Red Cross, desires to call attention of the public to this important phase of Red Cross work.

Of late, Mr. Jones says, the pick-up orders for the trucks to gather salvage have fallen off, and people are asked to ransack their basements and atticks, garages and homes for anything and everything they can spare for the salvage department, and telephone between 8 and 5, to Main 6380, where the orders will be filed and a truck sent for the salvage.

The salvage department of the San Diego chapter of the Red Cross can easily realize, according to Mr. Jones, $3000 a month, if every man, woman and child in San Diego and vicinity will lend their assistance, for there is very little salvage which cannot be converted into money.

Within a week the salvage unit of the motor corps, under the command of Mrs. Luther Kennett of Coronado, expects to have their own one-ton truck ready to handle all salvage orders for the Red Cross, so there will be no delay in calling for salvage if people will phone their orders to Main 6380 between the hours mentioned.

MOTOR CORPS SOON TO HAVE NEW TRUCK

Word was received at motor corps headquarters this morning that the new truck which has been ordered by the salvage department of the Red Cross will be ready for use by the last of the week, when it will be possible for motor corps drivers to handle all Red Cross salvage orders which are received, as the truck will be used eight hours a day exclusively for this work.

Mrs. Luther Kennett, recently appointed by Gov. Stephens as a first lieutenant of the corps, has returned from a vacation spent in the mountains and will take active charge of the truck work, to which she will devote almost her entire time during the coming winter.

Members of the corps are reminded that the auto mechanic class at the high school begins this afternoon at 3:15 o'clock, and the first class this evening at the Maryland hotel at 7 o'clock.

Stealing Our Thunder

LOS ANGELES persists in being peeved over the things that San Diego is doing which Los Angeles didn't think of doing.

San Diego possesses the only woman's military organization in the United States duly and officially recognized by state authority. Its legal designation is California Motor Corps, unit No. 1, Home Defense reserve. That title ought to be self-explanatory; it is full enough and sufficiently explicit. But, evidently, Los Angeles isn't convinced. They demand corroborative testimony from the governor of the state and the adjutant-general, and they have informed those functionaries that Los Angeles has a motor corps which should be recognized above all others if for no other reason than that it is a Los Angeles organization, whereas whatever is masquerading in San Diego as a motor corps must of necessity be a delusion, a snare and an all-round camouflaging contraption designed to deprive Los Angeles of some portion of its self-constituted monopoly of prestige, civic eminence and parochial conceit.

A French proverb tells us to "look for the woman;" therefore, in a controversy involving women we naturally look for them. We find that it is the Los Angeles woman who is now cavorting on these San Diego preserves, where erst the Los Angeles male person of draft age was wont to intrude his interloping presence. It is woman, the Los Angeles variety, lovely or otherwise, who seeks to snatch from the San Diego woman (invariably lovely) her well-earned glory of precedence. It is the Los Angeles woman who has informed Governor Stephens and Adjutant-general Borree that the San Diego motor corps is only a "county unit" and that until the Los Angeles motor corps is mustered into the field service of the Home Defense reserve there will be no such thing.

The funniest display of Los Angeles conceit and grabitalliteveness was when the Los Angeles Herald printed a full-page picture of the San Diego motor ladies and captioned it as a Los Angeles corps. The names of the members were also printed—all of them, of course, residents of San Diego and Coronado. The editor of the Herald was probably chagrined to learn that the women of Los Angeles had overlooked this bet, and with loyal devotion to his home town did his best to make it good by stealing the entire stake. And, no doubt, like all citizens of Los Angeles, editorial proletarian, he tries to delude himself into the notion that San Diego is only a suburb of Los Angeles anyway. We hasten to inform these envious folk that San Diego is so far from being a suburb of Los Angeles that we are seriously thinking of suburbanizing that town to our own ever-growing and high-aspiring city with the ultimate intention of annexing it and calling it "North San Diego."

TOT RIDES PONY AT HEAD OF CORPS

One of the interesting features of the parade today will be the beautiful little Shetland pony ridden by little Maria Theresa Kremer, the mascot of the California motor corps No. 1. This pony was donated to the salvage department of the Red Cross by Mr. Livesay of Lemon Grove. M. F. Heller, the chairman of the salvage department, proposed that the motor corps take the pony and sell tickets as a benefit for the salvage department and the corps, and give the pony away.

Tickets are being sold for 50 cents each, and the pony will be given away at a date to be announced later.

Little Miss Kremer, dressed in the regulation motor corps uniform and holding the pony's bridle in one chubby hand, began the sale of tickets at 10 o'clock this morning.

Every youngster in town is anxious to secure this little Shetland pony, and Theresa is the most popular little girl in the city.

This afternoon for the parade the pony will be gayly and patriotically decorated in red, white and blue.

Little Theresa, mounted on the pony, will head the California motor corps division which, by order of the grand marshal, Col. R. R. Wallach, was given a place in the Liberty loan parade in the military division immediately following the navy.

In order that there be no mistake in the minds of the people who wish to do ambulance duty overseas, the motor corps announces that preparatory classes which fit applicants for overseas duty are now in progress under the direction of the motor corps. These classes are motor mechanics, first aid and sanitary troop drill, and members of the corps who pass the examinations successfully and obtain certificates will be accepted through properly authorized agencies recognized by the war department for overseas duty.

During a recent trip to San Francisco Maj. Bosworth made arrangements with Charles Gebhardt, director of the motor service for the Pacific division of the Red Cross, to send properly qualified members of California motor corps No. 1 overseas for duty.

Friday, directly after drill, a handsome leather dispatch case was presented to Maj. Bosworth by Sergt. E. E. Carpenter as a token of their loyalty to the major, to the organization, the state of California, the country and the flag.

CAPTAIN DOYLE RESIGNS TO BE NURSE

Capt. Ethel B. Doyle, commanding officer of San Diego Motor corps No. 1, resigned today as an officer of the motor corps to take up the duties of nurse in the emergency hospital to be established for patients suffering from influenza. Capt. Doyle resigned at the request of Capt. Worthington, medical army officer, who is co-operating with the city health officials in the influenza epidemic work. There is a great need for trained nurses and Capt. Doyle considers she can be of greater service in the emergency hospital now

She will assume her new duties in a few days and will be the head nurse of the new hospital. Mrs. Doyle is a graduate nurse and has had two years' experience in the Good Samaritan hospital in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Luther M. Kennett was today promoted from the rank of first lieutenant in the motor corps to the rank of captain, to succeed Capt. Doyle. Mrs. E. C. Abbott, wife of Col. Abbott, who is now overseas, has been made first lieutenant to act as adjutant of the corps. The vacancy in the rank of second lieutenant has been given to Mrs. Emili Brill Brown, who was promoted from the rank of first sergeant.

The ambulance of the corps is used now exclusively for influenza patients who must be taken to the army or navy hospitals or the isolation hospital for civilians. Other patients transported by the motor corps to the service hospital are carried in the private cars of the members.

AUTHORIZES SALUTES BY OFFICERS AND MEN TO WOMEN OF CORPS

A memorandum to all organization commanders at Camp Kearny, issued by Maj. Gen. David C. Shanks and atded Sept. 19, calls attention to the woman's motor corps, stating that the corps is recognized in other cities, that the members of the corps have offered their cars to the government and hold themselves ready for such Red Cross duties as they may be called upon to perform, and that they are regularly mustered into the forces of the state of California.

The officers of the corps, the memorandum states, wear the same insignia as that of the officers in the regular forces. While no regulations exist authorizing or requiring an exchange of salutes between the motor corps women and the members of the regular forces, all officers and enlisted men of Gen. Shanks' command are urged to do so, and to otherwise comport themselves as gentlemen.

Salute Is Proper

Backed by the general's memorandum, it is all right for enlisted men in the regular forces to salute the officers of the women's motor corps, even when they are not properly introduced, and they can rest assured that they will not be called down by the ladies for trying to flirt, nor will they be courtmartialed by their actual superiors for attempting to mash.

The female officers on this station and covered by the order of Gen. Shanks, are Mrs. Maj. Eva Bird Bosworth, Mrs. Capt. Ethel B. Doyle, Mrs. First Lieut. Luther Kennett, Mrs. First Lieut. Austin Sands, and Miss Second Lieut. Rhoda Fullam, besides three lady sergeants and seven lady corporals. It is considered proper and expedient, acorcding to available authorities, to combine the military and social titles of the ladies, in order to prevent confusion in written orders. As the Amazonian organization is quite new, precedents are being established at this time, and it is held by some that eventually the proper etiquette will be to have the social title follow the military, as for instance, "Brig. Gen. Mrs. Jones."

Organization Grows

The Woman's Motor corps, one of the results of the war with Germany, is rated now as a powerful national organization that has come to stay. In most states the corps lacks official recognition, but Gov. Stephens of California proved himself too farsighted to ignore the wishes of the sex that never gives up, so he accordingly and with admirable tact distinguished himself by being the first to give them what they were going to get anyway. Less enterprising governors in other states can brave the ladies if they care to, but everybody knows what they will do in the end.

As a patriotic organization, the duties of the corps consist in wearing the niftiest uniforms ever, to drive all sorts of motor vehicles required in the war, to live up to regularly prescribed rules and to be otherwise patriotic. The uniforms, of course, are so distinctive the Camp Kearny boys can make no mistake.

Dignity Demanded

Dignity is demanded in the salute Under the orders of Gen. Shanks it would not be stretching courtesy too far to salute a private in the Woman's Motor corps, although among males it is only the privates who salute the officers, and then the officers return in kind. But where a question of courtesy is raised there can be no objection to saluting all round.

If a he soldier salutes a lady major, why shouldn't a she soldier salute a major? This happened, too! Right in front of the Union building yesterday a "privateer," or whatever the lady privates are called, and she had twinkling eyes, clapped her heels together and came to a rigid salute for a major of artillery who happened to pass. The major didn't get it at first, but he did after awhile, and it was distinctly noted that he returned the salute, and he clinked his heels, too!

Sherman was right in his day, but it's getting better now.

MOTOR CORPS RAISES FUND FOR NEW TRUCK

Machine Used in Salvage and Shop Department Work For Red Cross.

The final amount which completed the payment in full to the Red Cross of the price paid for the one-ton truck purchased by the California Motor Corps, No. 1, and devoted exclusively to the use of salvage and shop department of the Red Cross, was yesterday paid to H. H. Jones, chairman of the finance committee, by Mrs. Luther Kennett, first lieutenant of the corps, who raised the amount by private subscription, donated by the following people:

F. Belcher, jr.	$ 10
H. R. Bledsoe	5
Mr. Howard Baker	100
A. S. Bridges	25
Edna E. Carpenter	5
F. F. Chase	5
Ralph Chase	10
Mrs. P. S. Chancellor	5
Mrs. A. B. Daniels	20
H. S. Dorland	5
Robert Dunn	5
E. O. Hodge	5
M. F. Heller	25
John Hawley, jr.	20
H. H. Jones	50
L. M. Kennett	100
Miss Stella Klauber	10
Mrs. Homer Oatman	5
George G. Prentice	20
Mrs. Dent Hayes Roberts	5
Mrs. R. T. Robinson	25
R. T. Robinson	50
F. S. Sherman	10
Joseph Sefton, jr.	25
Admiral Sebree	10
Mrs. Claus Spreckels	5
Claus Spreckels	5
John D. Spreckels	25
Percival Thompson	50
Dr. M. O. Terry	100
Mrs. Gale Thompson	25
Gale Thompson	25
Julius Wangenheim	10
A friend	50
A friend	2
A friend	5
Total	$857

GOOD WORK DONE BY MOTOR CORPS

Over 100 ambulance calls for influenza cases were handled by the California motor corps No. 1 during the month of October, according to the report of Capt. Kennet. Eight civilian relief calls were made; 18 war camp community calls, the motor corps girls transporting all the volunteer players to Camp Kearny; 50 calls for the service hospital totaling 458 miles; 52 calls for the liberty loan totaling 719 miles; 580 miles were driven for army and navy officers; 92 miscellaneous calls were made.

A detailed report of the work done by the truck department of the California motor corps has been made by Capt. Kennet. Mrs. Luther Kennet of Coronado took complete charge of the motor truck department of the California motor corps just after the organization of the corps because she felt that the articles turned in for salvage at the Red Cross would be greatly augmented if there were some organized means or getting them to the salvage warehouse. To this end she has worked unceasingly and the result is shown by the sum of $1279.99 realized for the Red Cross last month.

EFFECTIVE WORK BEING DONE BY MOTOR CORPS

That the California motor corps No. 1 is one of the most effective war relief organizations in southern California is evidenced by the October report given out this morning by Capt. Luther M. Kennent. During the last month the motor corps handled influenza cases numbering in all 105. The girls on ambulance duty transported the influenza patients from their home or place of living to the hospitals. There were eight civilian relief calls and 18 war camp community calls, the corps transporting all the volunteer players to Camp Kearny. This was night work and was often done by girls who had been busy all day on trucks or ambulance duty.

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Exactly $1099.44 was realized by the motor corps girls for the salvage department of the Red Cross, and $180.55 was realized for the Red Cross shop, making a total of $1279.99. The motor corps members hauled salvage amounting to this sum from various places around the city to the salvage department of the Red Cross shop.

Everything imaginable has been hauled in the motor corps truck this last month, from a set of false teeth to a sewing machine and a baby buggy. The girls do all the loading and unloading of these articles for salvage.

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Nov. 19. 1918.

WOMEN WANTED IN MOTOR CORPS

The California motor corps has issued a call for more recruits. The work of the motor corps is increasing daily and although the corps now numbers about 40 women, this is not enough to fill the increasing demands, it is stated by Capt. L. M. Kennett.

The motor corps drives the Red Cross ambulance day and night, and this work has been made very strenuous by the influenza epidemic. This corps collects salvage for the Red Cross, besides the motor messenger service for all the war organizations and for the army and navy. Recently the corps took over the collecting and delivering of magazines for the navy and army camps around San Diego.

Women either with or without cars who are able to devote a part of their time to motor corps work are asked to call at corps headquarters any day this week.

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AID IN FIGHTING EPIDEMIC GIVEN BY MOTOR CORPS

The October report of the California motor corps unit No. 1, home defense reserves, has just been given out by Captain Kennett, showing that 105 ambulance calls were filled, eight civilian relief calls were made, 50 calls were made for the United Service hospital, totaling 458 miles; 52 calls for the Liberty loan committee, totaling 719 miles; army and navy calls totaling 580 miles, and 92 other calls.

Practically all of the ambulance calls were influenza cases and in most instances the patients had to be carried by the girls on stretchers out of their homes, put in the ambulance and taken to the hospital. The corps members exposed themselves daily to the dangers of infection.

Eighteen calls were made for the War Camp Community service. These were night calls and the girls made trips to Camp Kearny to transport the Volunteer Players to camp during the quarantine. Often a girl, after being on duty on a truck or ambulance all day, would drive the Players out to camp, wait during the performance and then bring them back to the city.

Besides the ambulance and motor messenger service, the motor corps truck department has hauled Red Cross salvage amounting to $1099.44 and articles of $1279.99 for the month. The salvage consisted of 50,352 pounds of junk, 374 dozen bottles, 3031 pieces of clothing, 4014 pounds of iron, 4080 pounds of tin, 31,892 pounds of newspapers, 7600 pounds of magazines and 729 pounds of rags.

The California Motor corps has been officially appointed by the Red Cross as its representative to operate trucks for the collection of salvage and the Red Cross requests anyone having salvage to telephone the motor corps truck department, Main 1218.

The offices of the organization are in the U. S. National Bank building, and were donated by Alexander Reynolds, jr.

Donations for the motor corps during the month of October were: For ambulance fund, Mrs. Charles Larrowe, $10; Dodge Bros., Kissel-Kar Co., Auto Exhibit and Wrecking Co., tools for the ambulance; D. Haves & Sons, tool box; Liberty garage, free storage for ambulance; Sanitary laundry, free washing; Liberty garage, minor repairs for ambulance. Truck fund, Sergeant Keith, $10; Sergeant Carpenter, $5; Lieutenant Brown, $5; cash, $4.20.

FURNISH CAMPS WITH READING MATTER

The Collegiate Periodical league has, with the co-operation of the motor corps, delivered between 6000 and 7000 periodicals during the past month to the various army camps about San Diego. There were 34 deliveries of from 150 to 300 magazines each made during this time, all being made to camps other than Camp Kearny, which is supplied from the Los Angeles postoffice.

Mrs. Henry Foote, chairman of the distribution committee appointed under the war community service, states that all sorts of scientific travel, humorous papers and good stories are welcomed. The Collegiate league works under the general direction of the postmaster general, who has assigned the different fields. This county is to supply the outlying camps exclusive of Kearny, which is supplied from Los Angeles. Hence it is a msidirected effort to send the magazines from here to Kearny.

The motor corps not only delivers the magazines, but collects them daily, and anyone phoning to Main 1758 may have the members of the corps call for a quantity of magazines.

Among the camps to which deliveries were made the past month are detention hospital, Balboa park; Chula Vista radio station; library, Balboa park; upper Y.M.C.A., Fort Rosecrans; Imperial Beach; Tecate (through the kindness of the Pickwick Stage company); naval aviation, North Island; recruiting naval station; harbor patrol; Oneonta; lower Y.M.C.A., Fort Rosecrans; North Island aviation; Camp Taliaferro; naval hospital, Balboa park; Point Loma harbor patrol; San Ysidro; Imperial Beach; section naval base; woman's council of defense; Y.M.C.A. naval station, North Island; county hospital; tubercular camp; Y.M.C.A., Calexico; isolation hospital; naval communication service, Point Loma.

San Diego Union, November 1918.

Raise Funds to Buy Motor Truck For Use in Red Cross Salvage

Funds for a new truck used in hauling salvage for the Red Cross are being solicited and already more than half of the purchase price of the machine has been raised by the California Motor Corps No. 1, under leadership of Mrs. Luther Kennett of Coronado.

The truck now in use was purchased with Red Cross money, and it was agreed that the motor corps would reimburse the Red Cross, and in addition would provide drivers for the machine. About $400 remains to be raised before the purchase price is paid to the Red Cross.

Further additions to the fund were made when members of the corps last week gathered a truckload of grapes near Grossmont, realizing $40 from the sale of the fruit. The experiment is to be repeated today, and the grapes sold Saturday and Sunday.

The removal of the motor corps headquarters from the location in the Southern Title building to offices in the United States National Bank building has been announced, the change to take place the latter part of the week. The new quarters were placed at the disposal of the corps through the courtesy of Alexander Reynolds, jr., cashier of the bank. Removal from the present quarters is made necessary because of the growth of the corps and because the Liberty loan drive is to be conducted from the Southern Title building, it was said.

A list of those who subscribed to the motor car fund includes the following names and amount of their subscriptions:

Howard Baker, $100; L. M. Kennett, $100; R. T. Robinson, $50; A. S. Bridges, $25; Mrs. A. D. Daniels, $20; Admiral Sebree, $10; Robert Dunn, $5; H. R. Bledsoe, $5; Mrs. E. E. Carpenter, $5; Dr. M. O. Terry, $100; Percival Thompson, $50; A Friend, $50; Mrs. R. T. Robinson, $25; Ralph Chase, $10; Mrs. Homer Oatman, $5; E. F. Chase, $5; Mrs. Claus Spreckels, $5.

RECRUITS WANTED BY MOTOR CORPS

A call for more recruits has been issued by Capt. Luther Kennett (Mrs. Luther Kennett) of the California Motor Corps No. 1, who is now the commander of the corps. Mrs. Eva Bird Bosworth, the field major for the state, has left for San Francisco enroute to France where she will engage in Red Cross reconstruction work.

Capt. Kennett is asking for girls with cars and girls without cars to enlist. This is necessary because of the ever increasing work of the corps.

During the epidemic the Motor Corps ambulance has made 123 influenza calls, of which four were long trips out of town. Otay Dam, Del Mar, La Jolla and El Cajon were visited in ambulance calls.

Girls on ambulance duty carry sick influenza patients out of their homes or hotels on stretchers to the ambulance and then do stretcher duty again at the destination hospital. Corporal Laura Rude has driven the ambulance practically every day during the last two months of the influenza epidemic.

Other drivers on the ambulance were Sergt. Mildred Huntington, Corp. Helen Prentice, Corp. Estelle Russell, Priv. Margaret Martin. Helpers on the ambulance were Corp. Jane Abbott, Corp. Mildred Hartsough, Corp. Lyle Murray, Private W. G. Chase, Private Ada Janiki, Private L. Hull, Private Persis Cassidy, Private Gwendolin Brooks, Private C. C. Craig, Private Adelaid Helwig, Private Beatrice Henning.

During the last three weeks of the influenza epidemic from Oct. 26 to Nov. 16, Sergt. Wood has been on duty 224 hours, an average of over 10 hours a day, not omitting Sunday. During this same period Corp. Rude was on duty 204 hours.

Because of the let-up of influenza calls the commander has announced that the corps offices will be closed on Saturday afternoons, but that the ambulance will be on call through the courtesy of C. L. Dorman of the Auto Shop at Main 2629.

MOTOR CORPS BUSY DURING EPIDEMIC

Members on Duty Day and Night; Many Patients Are Taken to Hospital.

The offices of the California motor corps will be closed this afternoon, but the ambulance will answer calls sent to Main 2629, according to an announcement by Capt. Kennett. During the influenza epidemic from Oct. 26 to Nov. 16, 123 influenza calls were taken by the motor corps, four of these being from out-of-town points.

During that time the ambulance was on duty day and night. Sergt. Wood took all of the night calls, being on duty 224 hours during the three weeks. An average of three trips a night were made by Sergt. Wood to take influenza patients to the emergency hospital.

Other drivers on the ambulance were Sergt. Mildred Huntington, Corp. Helen Prentice, Corp. Estelle Russell, Private Margaret Martin. Helpers on the ambulance were Corp. Jane Abbott, Corp. Mildred Hartsough, Corp. Lyle Murray, Privates Chase, Ada Janiki, Lyua Hull, Persis Cassidy, Gwendolin Brooks, C. C. Craig, Adelaid Helwig, Beatrice Henning and Helen Hird.

WOMEN DRIVERS DO VALIANT DUTY

When the history of the influenza epidemic is written in the United States, the work of the motor corps women will receive much commendation. Here in San Diego 123 influenza calls were made by the motor corps ambulance. Four of these were long trips out of town.

Women on ambulance duty carry sick influenza patients out of their places of living on stretchers to the ambulance, and then do stretcher duty again at the destination. Although these women were exposed daily to the influenza epidemic, yet because of the precautions taken and the high state of health required in order to be a member of the corps, not a single case of influenza was contracted.

The ambulance was on call 24 hours every day. Sergt. Wood, the regular night driver, was on duty 224 hours, or over 10 hours a night, during the last three weeks of the epidemic from Oct. 26 to Nov. 16. There was an average of three calls a night. Answering a phone call, Sergt. Wood would take the ambulance from its station, call for her assistants, and then proceed to the street number given in the call. Often the call came from the most unsavory part of town and she, with her helpers, would dismount, invade the house, or rooming place, and hurry the influenza-stricken patient out to the emergency hospital.

Corp. Rude, the day driver, was on duty 204 hours in three weeks.

Other drivers on the ambulance were Sergt. Mildred Huntington, Corp. Helen Prentice, Corp. Estelle Russell, Private Margaret Martin. Helpers on the ambulance were Corp. Jane Abbott, Corp Mildred Hartsough, Corp. Lyle Murray, Private W. G. Chase, Private Ada Janiki, Private L. Hull, Private Persis Cassidy, Private Gwendolin Brooks, Private C. C. Craig, Private Adelaid Helwig, Private Beatrice Henning.

Out-of-town calls were made to Otay dam, Del Mar, La Jolla, El Cajon. Because of the letup of influenza calls, Capt. Kennett has announced that the corps offices will be closed on Saturday afternoons, but that the ambulance will be on call through the courtesy of C. L. Doeman of the Auto shop, Main 2629.

OUTLYING CAMPS SUPPLIED WITH READING MATTER

Collegiate Periodical League Sends Literature to Many Army and Navy Stations.

One of the branches of war activity among local women that is especially appreciated by the soldiers in the more isolated encampments about this city is the work being done by the Collegiate Periodical league in the gathering and distribution of literature to the various military and naval stations of the vicinity

During the month of October, from the 8th to the 31st, the league, through the co-operation of the motor corps, which gives its services, has collected and delivered between 6000 and 7000 magazines and periodicals.

The stations cared for by this organization are those all around the bay and south of Camp Kearny, including detention camp hospital and library at Balboa park, the radio stations, all the Y. M. C. A. stations at Fort Rosecrans, Imperial Beach, Tecate, Oneonta, all the North Island stations, the naval base harbor patrol, San Ysidro, the county hospitals and tubercular camps, and others.

The Collegiate Periodical league is an auxiliary of the A. L. A., and is nationally recognized under the Fosdick commission. It was first in the field, and works directly under the postmaster general, who assigns the fields from which the supplies are to come. He has requested San Diego county and city to supply the outlying camps, exclusive of Camp Kearny. This does not mean that Camp Kearny is neglected, but that it is otherwise provided for.

Mrs. Henry W. Foote, the league secretary, announces that while the collections being made are gratifying, they are only a fraction of what is needed. Anyone telephoning the motor corps office can have periodicals collected, if the package is too large to carry.

Military Drill

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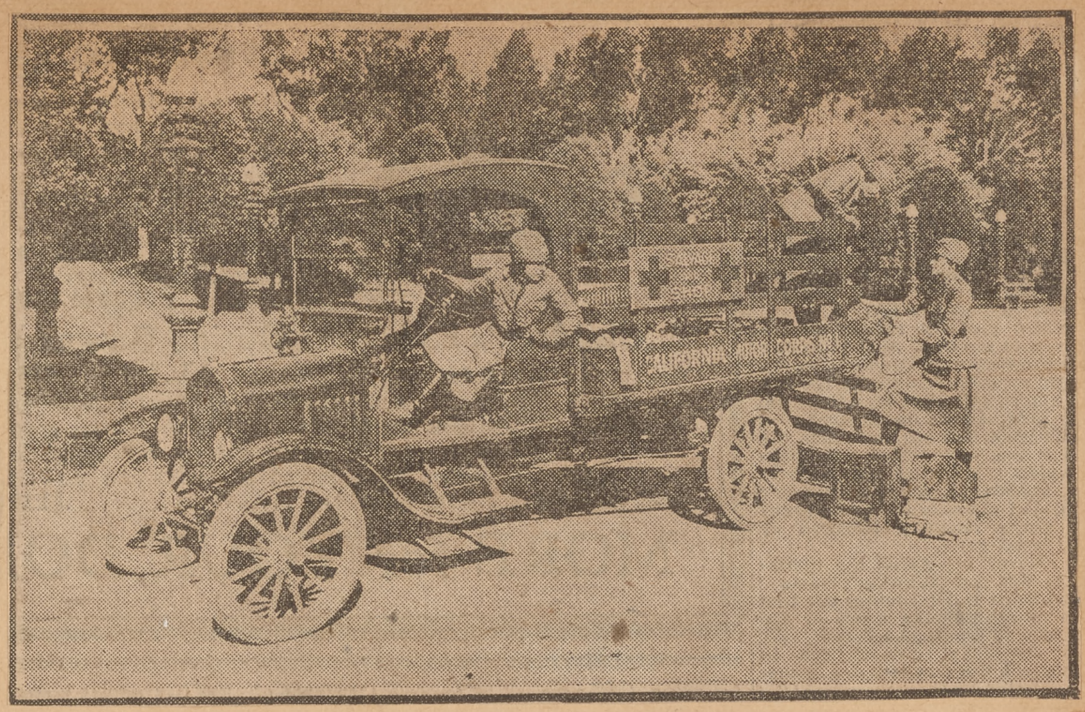
MEMBERS OF MOTOR CORPS UNIT TO REMAIN IN SERVICE

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 1, 1918.

Members of the California motor corps unit No. 1. No. 1 in the photograph is Corp. Helen Prentice; No. 2, Corp. Mildred Hartsough; 3, Private Ada Janicki; 4, Private Margaret Martin; 5, Corp. Eugenie Henning; 6, Private Beatrice Henning; 7, Private Frances Chase; 8, Corp. Ruth Abbott; 9, Sergt. Gertrude Wood; 10, Corp. Laura Rude; 11, Private Helen Love; 12, Private Catherine Craig; 13, Private Ruth Causey; 14, Private Lina Hull; 15, Lieut. Emilie Brown; 16, Lieut. Cora Abbott; 17, Capt. Isabella Kennett; 18, Lieut. Mary Anna Sands; 19, Private Louise Kickham; 20, Sergt. Rae Keith; 21, Sergt. Edna Carpenter; 22, Private Helen Hird; 23, Private Nella Renard; 24, Private Joy Holdeman; 25, Private Alice Lockwood; 26, Private Adalaide Helwig; 27, Corp. Lyle Murray; 28, Private Evelyn Curry; 29, Private Laura Adams; 30, Private Alice Klauber; 31, Sergt. Mildred Huntington; 32, Private Mary White; 33, Private Sybil March; 34, Corp. Estelle Russell; 35, Private Florence Bowen.

With the ambulance, standing, from left to right, are Sergt. Gertrude Wood, night driver; Private Ada Janicki, Corp. Eugenie Henning. Driving, Corp. Laura Rude, day driver.

With the truck, from left to right, are Sergt. Mildred Huntington, Private Helen Hird and Private Margaret Martin.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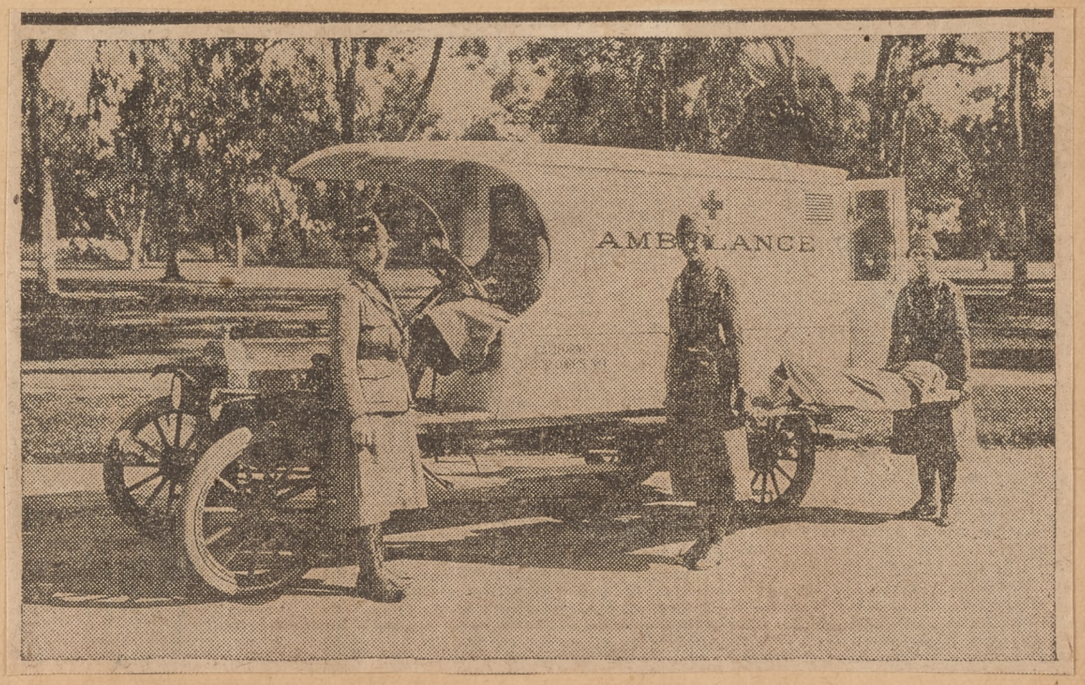
AMBULANCE

ORGANIZATION ON DUTY DAY AND NIGHT WITH TRUCK AND AMBULANCE

ALTHOUGH the war is ended, and all over the country troops are getting ready for the mustering-out process, one organization of a military character with headquarters in San Diego has given up all thought of immediate release from its intensive activities, and is looking forward to at least one more year of service.

The California motor corps, unit No. 1, was organized in August, 1917. It was the first corps in the United States, and the only one in California to be mustered into the state military service. On Aug. 28 Lieut. Col. Herbert R. Fay, of the national guard reserves, administered the oath of allegiance by order of Adjt. Gen. Borree of California.

Since that time the unit, because of the effective and ever-increasing amount of work accomplished by its members has been regarded all over the west as the premier organization of its kind.

Busy During Epidemic

The motor corps proved itself nobly during the recent influenza epidemic. Day and night the ambulance of the corps was kept busy rushing patients to the emergency hospital. The value of this work is illustrated by the following letter received by the commandant of the corps, Capt. Kennett, from the board of health.

"Commanding Officer, California Motor Corps, No. 1, San Diego, Cal.

"Dear Capt. Kennett: In behalf of the board of health of the city of San Diego, I beg to express my extreme appreciation and gratitude for the valuable services rendered by the California motor corps unit No. 1.

"The aid rendered the health department during the present epidemic of influenza has necessitated your answering calls at all hours of both day and night, and the service given has always been of an exceptionally high standard.

"The services of the motor corps have been positively indispensable to this department, as it would have been impossible for us to have coped with the situation without your valuable assistance.

"It is remarkable the ease with which your members handle all cases, even the most difficult. They have been compelled to remove patients from all sorts of living conditions, many of which were of a most disagreeable character, but the fortitude and capability displayed, together with the genial manner in which they went about their work is such that too much credit and praise cannot be given.

"The board of health, in profound appreciation, begs to extend to you and the motor corps, its heartiest thanks.

"Yours very truly,
"E. P. CHARTRES-MARTIN, M. D.
"Health Officer and Superintendent."

Hospital Moved

More than 300 influenza patients have been taken to the emergency hospitals in the motor corps ambulance. Two of these patients were so desperately ill when the call came that they died before the ambulance arrived at the hospital.

Last Wednesday the motor corps ambulance transported all the patients from the Fremont school emergency hospital to the new influenza hospital, located in the San Diego brewery building. The naval ambulance was operated by motor corps members.

The motor corps ambulance is the official Red Cross ambulance but it is driven by the members of the motor corps, and all the operating expenses are borne by this organization. Donations to help pay the expenses of the ambulance will be welcomed at motor corps headquarters. When the influenza epidemic is completely over, the ambulance will again be used to transport sick relatives of service men to the United Service hospital. Now these patients are conveyed to the hospital in the regular automobiles donated by the members.

Salvage Collected

The motor corps collects all the salvage which is given to the salvage department of the Red Cross. This means handling thousands of pounds of iron, tin and all kinds of junk every month; and brings into the Red Cross over $1000 monthly. Although the war is over, the demands of the Red Cross are as great as ever. The Red Cross must have funds to aid in the reconstruction work in Europe. M. F. Heller, chairman of the salvage department of the local Red Cross, recently received the following telegram from San Francisco:

"The manager Pacific division has ordered salvage and shop to go on with greater speed than ever before. There is no reason to let up, and every reason to increase activities. Mobilize your committee and workers. Impress on them the importance of the continuation of this work along broader lines and in greater magnitude. We expect better reports for December than any other month. You will not disappoint us. Get busy."

This imperative need of money by the Red Cross is one of the reasons the California motor corps will continue for a year or more, at least until the complete demobilization of the American forces here and abroad.

Work Not Ended

The army and navy camps in and around San Diego will be here permanently, and the messenger motor service furnished by the corps which has proved so valuable to the war organizations is still a vital factor and will necessarily be continued. The boys must be amused with theatricals now even more than when the spur of fighting to come made them content. These entertainers are taken back and forth by the motor corps members. The boys must still have magazines to read. These magazines are collected and taken to the camps by the motor corps. The members of the corps who donated and drive their cars bear all the expense of gas and oil and general upkeep of the cars. This means a large outlay every month for each member.

The following letter from Senator Wright testifies to the work of the corps:

"Nov. 27, 1918.

"Capt. Isabella S. Kennett, California Motor Corps, City.

"My Dear Capt. Kennett: The excellent work the California motor corps is doing today assisting in removing hospital patients from the Fremont school hospital to the temporary hospital provided by the city is deeply appreciated by the Red Cross.

"This reminds me that Mr. M. F. Heller, at the head of the Red Cross department of salvage and shop, has frequently spoken to me of the invaluable assistance rendered the salvage department by your motor corps. He informs me that all the hauling of salvage has been done by your corps of excellent workers. More than once he has suggested that I write you expressing the appreciation of his department and the chapter for this valuable service. I now take great pleasure in doing so. I am at a loss to know just what we would have done to meet the emergency during the influenza epidemic, had it not been for the motor corps and the manner in which it has served us with the Red Cross ambulance.

"Again assuring you of our deep appreciation, I remain,

"LEROY A. WRIGHT,
"Chairman San Diego Chapter, A .R. C."

VALUABLE WORK BEING DONE BY MOTOR CORPS

The recent rise in the number of influenza cases necessitated the bringing in from Camp Kearny of two ambulances which, along with the Red Cross ambulance, are operated by the California motor corps members. Day and night these ambulances have been busy transporting sick patients from their homes to the hospitals, and, as many of these are stretcher cases, three girls are required on each ambulance. In addition to this extra work, the California motor corps are furnishing from three to five cars daily to the Red Cross influenza emergency committee.

Because of this and for the reason many of the members are ill from overwork, Capt. Isabella S. Kennett is asking for volunteer drivers with cars to serve during this emergency. These women will not have to join the corps and they will be put on regular motor messenger service which will not bring them in contact with influenza.

A total of 279 calls were made by the corps last month for the civilian relief, the united war work, the Red Cross service hospital and the army and navy calls.

There were 187 ambulance calls, which included six to out-of-town points. In all, 323 patients were carried in the motor corps ambulance. On Nov. 27, 80 patients were transported from the French school hospital to the Mission emergency isolation hospital.

Just $1014.92 worth of salvage was collected by the motor corps for the Red Cross salvage department, and

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Reviewing the Blue Jackets Balboa Park — Nov. 1918

$20.25 was collected for the Coronado Red Cross.

Rockwell field editions numbering 3800 were distributed to service men, and 47 sacks of magazines, containing 9400 copies, were also distributed to the various service camps.

November, 1918.

MOTOR CORPS AIDS IN FIGHT ON FLU

California motor corps girls are now operating three ambulances in order to transport patients from their homes to the various emergency hospitals. Besides the regular Red Cross ambulance two additional ambulances were sent in from Camp Kearny to assist in the emergency. Three girls are required on each ambulance for many of the patients must be carried to and from the ambulance in a stretcher.

Owing to the great demand now being made on the California motor corps for cars, and on account of the members working so hard that many have either contracted the influenza or are ill from overwork, the motor corps requests volunteer drivers with cars to assist during this emergency. It will not be necessary for these drivers to enlist in the motor corps and they will not be brought in contact with the influenza as they will be used in the regular motor messenger service carried on by the corps.

Three to five cars with regular California motor corps drivers are furnished daily to the Red Cross influenza emergency committee.

The November report of the corps just completed by Capt. Kennet follows: Miscellaneous calls, 99; civilian relief calls, 12; united war work calls, 25; Red Cross service hospital, 56; navy calls, 44; army calls, 43; total calls, 279. Amublance calls totaled 187 with six calls to out of town points. Three hundred and twenty-three patients were transported in the ambulance during November.

The motor corps distributed 47 sacks containing magazines numbering 9400 to the service boys; and distributed 3800 of the Rockwell field editions. The salvage department of the motor corps collected salvage valued at $1014.92 for the Red Cross and salvage worth $20.25 for the Coronado Red Cross.

Skidding Truck Runs Wild; One Man Injured

Henry E. Rankin sustained a fractured hip, the Monarch Drug company's front window display was destroyed and a fire hydrant on the southeast corner of Fifth and Broadway snapped off at the base when a Red Cross auto salvage truck, driven by Mrs. W. R. Russell, member of the women's motor corps, skidded early yesterday afternoon when the driver attempted to turn. For a few minutes the Monarch drug store building was engulfed in an eight-inch stream of water which reached as high as the Foreman & Clark Clothing company's display windows on the second floor. Rankin, who was standing near the plug, was knocked down by the force of the heavy stream and rolled several feet.

The police ambulance was called and, after a cursory examination of Rankin's injuries, Dr. Crabtree ordered him taken to the county hospital. The water department was notified immediately and within a few minutes after the fire plug had been snapped off the water was turned off. The salvage truck was only partly wrecked and the driver escaped without a scratch.

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MOTOR CORPS WOMEN LEND VALUABLE AID DURING FLU EPIDEMIC

The California Motor corps No. 1, the members of whom will shortly be mustered out of the service, rendered invaluable assistance to the city health department and citizens in general during the influenza epidemic, just stamped out, with their ambulance work.

Frequently these girls and women, totally unused to such work, were on duty many long hours on the ambulance, driving or assisting in carrying the sick. Whether day or night, the members of the corps answered the calls that came in for this work. The report of the corps shows that from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31, the motor corps ambulances carried 798 influenza patients to the hospitals.

Many most serious situations were met and handled by the young women. Two patients being moved in the ambulance by the young women drivers, died before reaching the hospital, and many most pitiable cases in the poorer districts of the city were handled by the corps members, who performed many duties besides those of moving the patients.

Capt. Isabelle Kennett, in her report, has especially commended Sergt. Gertrude Wood, who was on ambulance duty every night during the influenza epidemic. Many trying night trips came in her performance of duty. On one occasion, she was called at 2 o'clock in the morning to La Mesa, where every member of a family of eight had to be moved to the hospital. It required two trips of the ambualnce to take them.

Many other members of the corps exposed themselves daily to the dangers of infection in doing the charitable work.

From Oct. 9 until Oct. 22, two United States army ambulances were secured from Camp Kearny, through the courtesy of Col. Ravenal, chief surgeon, and Col. Oliver, chief of staff, and were operated by the California Motor corps, which carried 273 patients during the two weeks.

The motor corps, feeling that they have served their purpose and faithfully fulfilled the duties of the organization period for which they were organized, have requested that they be mustered out of the state military service. The date of the official mustering out will be announced upon receipt of instructions from Adjt. Gen. Borree.

The other motor corps members who did ambulance duty, besides Sergt. Wood, are: Corps, Estelle Russell, Laura Rude, Jane Abbott, Mildred Hartsough, Eugenia Henning, Helen Prentiss, Lyle Murry; Privates W. G. Chase, Evelyn Curry, Margaret Martin, Adelaide Helwig, Laura V. Adams, Lyna Hall, Persis Casidy, Ada Janicki, Louise Kickham, Joy Holdeman and Brooks.

The monthly report of the corps follows:

December Report

Motor messenger service—War camp community, 30 calls; United States arms, 31; United States navy, 24; civilian relief, 2; marine corps, 2; United Charities, 1; Jewish welfare board, 1; San Diego Floral association, 3; Red Cross emergency committee, 44; city nurse, 5; C.M.C., 7; miscellaneous, 16; total calls, 171.

Ambulance service, C.M.C. ambulance—Civilian relief, 4 patients; United States navy, 1; Red Cross emergency, 83; health board, 98; miscellaneous, 1; total patients, 187.

Army ambulances—Civilian relief, 1 call; United States navy, 3; Red Cross emergency, 102; health board, 44; total calls, 150.

December contributions to ambulance fund—Check from Red Cross, $100; check from Mrs. Claus Spreckels, $50; check from Mr. Heinstock, $5; cash donations, $12; total contributions, $167.

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FORMER WRITER IS FLU VICTIM IN NORTH

Word was received here this noon by friends telling of the death in San Francisco of Mrs. Eva Bird Bosworth, formerly society editor of The Evening Tribune. Mrs. Bosworth, who had been ill but two days, died this morning from influenza and pneumonia. She leaves four children, three small girls, who are in the Raja Yoga school at Point Loma, and a son 17 years of age, who is attending the Polytechnic high school in Los Angeles; her father, Prof. T. B. Bird, now living at Sawtelle, and a brother, Charles H. Bird, who is editor of the Camp Kearny News.

Mrs. Bosworth at the time of her death was associated with the secretary of the state council of defense and was in charge of war camp community service work. She had many influential friends in the north and was about to receive the appointment as secretary of the council. She held the office of field major in the California Motor corps, which she organized in this city some months ago. It was her intention to organize other motor corps throughout the state, when the signing of the armistice made this unnecessary. She was a newspaperwoman of ability and had been connected with papers in Denver and Los Angeles, and at one time was editor and owner of the La Jolla paper.

Mrs. Bosworth left San Diego, where she had been doing motor corps works, for San Francisco early in November, and expected at that time to go to France. She returned here at Christmas time for a short visit with her children.

MOTOR CORPS WILL BE MUSTERED OUT

Adjutant General Borree Instructs San Diego Organization to Disband.

Official instructions for the mustering out from the military service of the state of California of the California motor corps, No. 1, have been received by Capt. Isabella Kennett. Brig. Gen. J. J. Borree, adjutant general, N.G.C., wrote as follows:

"In reply to your letter of Jan. 3, please be advised that we are this day writing to Col. Herbert R. Fay, requesting him to formally muster out your organization.

"Governor William D. Stephens has asked me to express to you and your organization his deep appreciation for the splendid service you have rendered to the state and nation during the period of the emergency. It was this splendid spirit shown by the people of the United States that made possible the winning of the war. The people of San Diego should, indeed, be proud of the fact that San Diego was the home of the California motor corps, No. 1."

Commend Members

The California motor corps served the community during the influenza epidemic. Day and night the members of the corps worked on the ambulances, driving or assisting as stretcher bearers of the sick.

The report of the corps shows that from the first of October to the last of December the motor corps ambulances carried 798 influenza patients to the hospitals.

Captain Kennett commends the following women who have given practically all their time to this work during the epidemic, exposing themselves to the dangers of infection: Sergt. Gertrude Wood, Corp. Laura Rude, Corp. W. G. Chase, Private Ada Janiki, Private Lyna Hull, Private Margaret Martin.

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December Report

The December report of the corps follows:

Motor messenger service: War camp community service, 30 calls; U. S. army, 31 calls; U. S. navy, 24 calls; civilian relief, 2 calls; marine corps, 2 calls; united charities, 1 call; Jewish welfare board, 1 call; San Diego Floral Association, 3 calls, flowers to Camp Kearny; Red Cross emergency committee, 44 calls (7 were all-day calls); C. M. C., 7 calls; miscellaneous, 16 calls. Total, 171 calls.

Ambulance service: Civilian relief patients, 5; U. S. navy, 4; Red Cross emergency, 185; health board, 142; miscellaneous, 1. Total, 337 patients.

Contributions to the ambulance fund during December were: Mrs. Claus Spreckels $50, Red Cross $100, Mr. Hemstock $5, cash donations $12. Total, $167.

The California motor corps sent a floral tribute to the funeral of Mrs. E. B. Bosworth, field major for the corps. They also passed a resolution of sympathy which they sent to her father, Professor Bird, who is at Sawtelle.

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ARRANGE CHOICE PROGRAM FOR RED CROSS

The annual meeting of the San Diego chapter of the American Red Cross will be held at the White temple (Baptist church), corner of Tenth and E streets, Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The following interesting program has been arranged:

Music, Marine band.

Invocation.

"Annie Laurie," arranged by Dudley Buck, by G. Cleft quartet. (Consisting of Mesdames C. C. Kempley, C. Swan, William Lang and Fred Groves, and Mrs. M. D. Hesse, director and accompanist).

Special proceedings, Red Cross questionnaire.

Solo, by Jack Frost, sectional naval base.

Presentation certificates of appreciation to members of the California motor corps.

Song, "Lullaby Sweet and Low," Congregational quartet. (Consisting of Mrs. W. H. Porterfield, Mrs. Inez Anderson, Mr. George Willey and Mr. Alfred Anderson. Mrs. Porterfield, director).

"The National Red Cross," Dr. Willard R. Thorp.

"A Perfect Day," by G. Cleft quartet.

Experiences overseas, Capt. John B. Brown.

"The Red Cross and Influenza," Dr. Howard B. Bard.

"Carry Me Back to Old Virginia," solo and quartet by Congregational church quartet.

"The Red Cross Heart," original lines by Mrs. Lorena C. Harden.

Solo, Mrs. W. H. Porterfield.

Election fifteen directors.

Solo, Mrs. C. C. Kempley.

The addresses will be brief, it being the intention to give special prominence to the music.

The California motor corps will attend in a body to receive certificates of appreciation which will be presented by the San Diego chapter.

Printed reports of 13 activities of the Red Cross, and giving a financial statement covering the past year and a half, will be distributed.

WRIGHT RE ELECTED HEAD OF RED CROSS LOCAL CHAPTER

Nominating Committee's Ticket for Board of Directors Successful With Possible Exception of One Member; Worker Given High Praise.

Former Senator Leroy A. Wright, chairman of the San Diego chapter of the American Red Cross, was re-elected and the nominating committee's ticket of directors, with the possible exception of one, was successful at the annual meeting of the organization held yesterday afternoon at the First Baptist church, Tenth and E streets.

Mrs. W. Harrison Fritts was the only member of the regular ticket whose electon last night remained in doubt. The directors are:

Rev. Howard B. Bard, Eugene Daney, O. E. Darnall, Mrs. Florence Kennett Dupee, Dr. E. M. Fly, Miss Mary J. Gale, H. H. Jones, Miss Elizabeth Mannix, Arthur Marston, Mrs. W. H. Sallmon, E. F. Stahle, Will J. Thayer, Percival Thompson and former Senator Wright.

In the event that a recount which may be necessitated by a number of ballots which were scratched establishes the defeat of the nominating committee's candidate, Mrs. Fritts, her place on the directorate will be filled by either Gen. John McClellan or Will H. F. Thayer, who received the highest vote of the so-called members' ticket put in the field by Mrs. W. P. B. Prentice.

Four Win on Both Tickets

Dr. Fly, Percival Thompson, Dr. Bard and Miss Mannix were named on both tickets. Miss Mannix had declined the nomination on the regular or administration ticket in a letter to the chapter, action upon which, however, had not been taken up to yesterday, it was explained. Should Miss Mannix still decline in the face of her election, the place will be declared vacant and her successor named by the board of directors.

Contrary to expectation, the attendance at the meeting was small, fewer than 400 persons being present. The meeting combined a discussion of Mrs. Prentice's published criticism of the administration and the annual election of officers. The vote cast at the conclusion of the discussion, which occupied more than two hours, was close with a comparatively small number of ballots. This was partly explained by former Senator Wright, whose only comment on the result was that he had forbidden campaigning of any sort by those associated with or in sympathy with the officers of the chapter.

"The Red Cross is no place for politics," declared Chairman Wright.

Eleven questions propounded by Mrs. Prentice were considered one by one, Chairman Wright reading and answering each, and then inviting expressions from the floor. Mrs. Prentice in one laid stress on the fact that money collected from a "Do Your Bit" box in her charge had not been properly accounted for.

Used as "Petty Cash"

Chairman Wright explained that the box was not in charge of Mrs. Prentice.

"Boxes were placed around in the postoffice and in other public places," he said. "These were in the charge of no one and no one was entitled to a receipt for moneys collected from them." This money, Chairman Wright asserted, had been used as "petty cash" for the purchase of postage and office incidentals. The balance had been turned over to the chapter by L. R. Lancaster and the boxes subsequently withdrawn on account of published criticism.

"My attitude was that I would rather pay the petty cash out of my pocket than have any more of such criticism," he said.

Alleged failure of the San Diego chapter to discharge its obligations for supplies furnished by the national body formed the basis of another of Mrs. Prentice's questions.

"We received bill after bill asking us to remit," said Mrs. Prentice, amplifying her written charge. "It was a continuous dun."

"You were dealing with the bookkeeper and I was dealing with the general manager of the Pacific division," replied Chairman Wright. The chairman explained that as a matter of fact it made no difference whether the chapter paid for supplies or not. He said that wherever the demand for materials exceeded the ability of the local chapter, as in the case of San Diego in which the presence of many military and naval establishments had made the call upon its resources heavier in proportion than anywhere else on the Pacific coast, the American Red Cross fully expected to make up the deficit.

City Contributed Liberally

"San Diego has sent the Red Cross $141,000," said Mr. Wright, "and I do not think it is worried about our account for supplies. He added, however, that following a conference with Pacific division heads a complete and satisfactory adjustment had been arranged. He explained the charge that money intended to pay for supplies furnished the La Jolla branch had not been properly accounted for, asserting that every item of supply, whether destined for La Jolla or any of the other 90 units, was charged to the parent chapter.

Answering criticism of the disposition of funds derived from the benefit Red Cross ball, Chairman Wright declared emphatically that the affair had been promoted solely for the purpose of raising money with which to defray the expenses of the Red Cross war fund campaign. To the statement of Mrs. Prentice that she had seen a voucher for $150 for a banquet at the Maryland and other vouchers for meals and the hotel expenses of two girl buglers, Chairman Wright rejoined that the expenditures had been authorized by H. H. Jones of the finance committee and O. E. Darnall, the treasurer. He specically stated that the ball proceeds were for the campaign and could not properly be called "Red Cross money."

"I have no doubt that many such

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expenditures were made, as in a campaign of that kind special features have to be arranged to create the wave of public enthusiasm which carries the fund to success," said Chairman Wright. There was no further discussion on that point. Mrs. Prentice declared that she had never been able to obtain satisfactory statements from the treasurer and secretary, but admitted that she had not requested such information of Senator Wright. Other questions concerning administration and the disposition of income and special funds were similarly disposed of.

Music Program Given

With the election next in order, members of the California motor corps, No. 1, passed through the assembly giving each person copies of the administration and members' tickets. Before the vote was cast a member caused a huge laugh by remarking:

"After listening to all of the questions which the chairman has been compelled to answer here this afternoon I would pity the national chairman if the 20,000,000 members of the American Red Cross subjected him to such an inquiry, but in order to satisfy my own scruples I would like to know whether either of these tickets has been paid for with Red Cross money."

Band Leader John Early and the band from the U. S. naval training camp at Balboa park played two selections preceding the meeting. Band Leader Early and his boys were in fine spirit and their playing was exquisite, occasioning an enthusiastic response. An exceptionally pleasing musical program was presented, with vocal numbers, interspersing the discussions and brief addresses. Those participating were:

Congregational quartet, Mrs. W. H. Porterfield, Miss Inez Anderson, George Willey and Alfred Anderson; G Cleff quartet, Mrs. C. C. Kempley, Mrs. C. Swan, Mrs. William Lang and Mrs. Fred Groves, Mrs. M. D. Hesse, accompanist; Jack Frost of the section naval base.

Dr. Bard, Rev. Willard B. Thorp and Capt. John B. Browne, associate field director, A. R. C., made short addresses relating to work of the Red Cross during the influenza epidemic here and in Europe.

Motor Corps Praised

An extraordinary tribute to Capt. Kennett, Lieuts. Sands and Fullam and the enlisted personnel of the California motor corps, No. 1, ended the afternoon's happenings. Dr. Bard, Capt. Brown and Chairman Wright spoke as one in acknowledging the debt of the Red Cross and the public for the high service rendered by the motor corps during the war and particularly during the influenza epidemic in San Diego. It was pointed out that during the months of October and November, 1918, the motor corps handled 980 ambulance cases.

"I wish to acknowledge our obligation to the California motor corps, without which our work during the influenza epidemic could never have been done," said Dr. Bard. "The motor corps was at our call every hour of the day and night. It never failed us. Never under heaven could we have done our work in caring for the sick without the California motor corps."

Asking Capt. Kennett and the members of the corps to stand Chairman Wright paid them a glowing tribute for their aid and presented each with an engrossed certificate of honor in the name of the San Diego chapter of the American Red Cross.

Intensive Campaign for Salvage By Red Cross Bureau Will Be Put Under Way in San Diego

Plans for the future of the Red Cross salvage work in this city were discussed at a meeting held at Rudder's yesterday. Present at the conference were L. A. Wright, chairman San Diego chapter; Matt F. Heller, chairman of the salvage and shop bureau; C. D. Weiss, manager of the salvage department, and Captain Kennett of the California motor corps. It was decided to begin within a few weeks an intensive campaign to collect old household articles and junk and then convert them into cash to carry on the home service work of the local Red Cross.

Before the campaign is inaugurated, however, the public is asked to help with the work. Tinfoil, bottles, automobile tires, old newspapers and magazines, clothing, furniture and all kinds of junk are wanted. As the California motor corps will be mustered out in a few days the Red Cross will have no means of collecting salvage until such a time as a new organization is formed to carry on the work. For that reason motorists are requested to take their donations to the salvage yard, Ninth and M streets.

"In practically every home," said Mr. Heller, "there are odds and ends which are really a nuisance. These pieces are in the way and to give them to the Red Cross means to clean up the home. But the Red Cross converts the pieces into cash to carry on the home service work—which deals so vitally with the families of our soldiers and sailors."

There are 14 points to salvage and shop, Mr. Heller said. He described them as follows:

Salvage and shop develops habits of thrift among the American people.

Salvage and shop means education in service, the great gospel of the American Red Cross.

Salvage and shop means conservation of materials, time and labor.

Salvage and shop furnishes a wholesome activity for the Junior Red Cross.

Salvage and shop educates the young Americans in thrift, service and methods of business.

Salvage and shop forms an outlet for the enthusiasm of all its workers and a definite, tangible means of serving the nation.

Salvage and shop will make the public more and more closely united with the Red Cross.

Salvage and shop influences every family in the community in developing a spirit of service and a realization of their duty of citizenship.

Salvage and shop establishes a system whereby people of small means can secure useful and satisfactory articles and materials at a small cost.

Salvage and shop activities promote civic cleanliness and civic pride—a broader, finer meaning of "spotless town."

Salvage and shop activities develop an organization fitted to furnish relief in emergencies and times of public stress.

Salvage and shop furnishes a basis of service which will draw many recruits to the great "army of mercy."

Salvage ad shop furnishes an outlet for articles in the household which are no longer used, but which the housewife does not wish to throw away.

Salvage and shop forms a steady

MOTOR CORPS PRAISED FOR SALVAGE WORK

Salvage weighing 29,944 pounds was collected for the Red Cross of this city during December by the California Motor corps. Old newspapers formed the bulk of the amount, but many other articles were included, among them clothing, furniture, bottles, rubber, metals, rags, bones, fruit pits, feathers etc.

According to Mat F. Heller, chairman of the Red Cross shop and salvage bureau, the work of the corps has been a big factor in making a success of local salvage campaigns.

The report of the motor corps showed there had been 10,445 pounds of newspapers collected, 4892 pounds of magazines, 2022 pounds of iron, 600 pounds of tin, 292 dozen bottles, 780 pounds of rags, 184 pairs of shoes, 182 pounds of tin foil, and 180 pounds of rubber tires, in addition to 27 other varieties of salvage.

The motor corps also collected a lot of salvage from Coronado, including among other things 2166 pounds of newspapers, 5654 pounds of magazines, 62 dozen bottles, 1154 pounds of rags and 300 pounds of tin.

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HOLD FAREWELL MOTOR CORPS BANQUET

The farewell banquet of the California motor corps, unit No. 1, was held last evening at U. S. Grant hotel, when the members of the corps met for the last time before being mustered out of the service this afternoon. The corps will be mustered out at the Plaza de Panama, in Balboa park, by Maj. Herbert Fay by the order of Adjt. Gen. Borree.

A great basket of flaming carnations centered the tables where Capt. Isabelle Kennett, commander, and the other officers sat, while smilax and carnations decorated the two smaller tables at which were seated the motor corps members.

During the evening Capt. Kennett was presented with a silver identification tag from the enlisted members of the corps. Senator L. A. Wright, head of the Red Cross, was present and expressed his appreciation of the work of the motor corps and of the wonderful qualities of leadership of Capt. Kennett. He said the influenza situation could never have been handled in San Diego without the services of the motor corps, and he commended the salvage work of the corps. He urged the members to join the Red Cross motor corps, and offered the office of commander to Capt. Kennett.

Capt. Kennett presented to the members the service certificates which the Red Cross had presented to her for them. She then gave some of the reports of the corps, which will be incorporated in a book dealing with the activities of the motor corps. She said that the total amount of money brought in from salvage calls from Aug. 21 to Jan. 15 was $4466.74; that the number of ambulance calls during the same period was 661 and that the number of patients carried were 821. She read the hours of service of the members. Those who served the longest hours were Sergt Wood, 634½ hours; Corp. Rude, 469 hours; Private Janicki, 384½ hours; Sergt. Murray, 351½ hours; Private Hull, 324½ hours; Private Martin, 304 hours; Corp. Abbott, 260½ hours; Private Adams, 245½ hours.

She read a letter just received from Rear Admiral W. F. Fullam, United States navy commander, division 2, Pacific fleet, in which he expressed his appreciation of the important services rendered by your gallent little organization" and of the "very fine spirit of patriotism and of devotion to duty which has animated the corps and its individual members."

MOTOR CORPS IS MUSTERED OUT

Women of California Motor corps No. 1, home defense reserves, leave active service with the formal mustering out of the corps this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Plaza de Panama, by Maj. Herbert R. Fay, acting division adjutant of the 16th division at Camp Kearny, in compliance with instructions from Adjt. Gen. J. J. Borree.

The officers and members of the corps held a farewell dinner at the U. S. Grant hotel last night when they were given official certificates of appointment in the California military reserve and were also tendered certificates of appreciation from the Red Cross, which were distributed by Capt. Isabella A. Kennett, commander of the corps.

To the San Diego chapter of the American Red Cross the motor corps has donated the following equipment: The motor corps salvage truck, the ambulance equipment, given the corps by the Coronado Red Cross, a desk given the corps by Mrs. Judah Sears, and a clock.

Capt. Kennett made a short address following the dinner expressing regret that the time had come for the work of the corps to cease.

A history of the work of the motor corps is being compiled by Capt. Kennett. It will be issued in book form and will form a part of the state war work records.

Farewell Dinner For Motor Corps

A farewell dinner for the Women's Motor corps will be held Friday evening at the U. S. Grant hotel. The motor corps will be mustered out in a few days. Capt. Isabelle Kennett, the commanding officer of the organization, has received notice from Adjt. Gen. Borree that Maj. Herbert Fay will muster out the members.

At the dinner to be given Friday evening, Capt. Kennett will present to each member a certificate of appreciation which was presented by Senator L. A. Wright, president of the Red Cross, for the work of the corps during the war and through the recent epidemic.

MOTOR CORPS TO BE MUSTERED OUT OF SERVICE

Major Fay Will Officially Discharge Women From Duties at Park Today.

Maj. Herbert R. Fay, A. G. divisional adjutant at Camp Kearny, will officially muster out of the state military service California motor corps No. 1 this afternoon on the Plaza de Panama, Balboa park, at 3 o'clock, in accordance with instructions of Adj. Gen. J. J. Boree.

The officers of the corps were given official certificates of appointment in the California military reserve last evening at the farewell dinner of the corps which was held in the U. S. Grant hotel. Both the officers and members of the motor corps received certificates of appreciation from the S. C. A. Red Cross. These certificates were given out by Capt. Isabella A. Kennett.

The California motor corps has donated to the San Diego chapter of the American Red Cross the following: The California motor corps salvage truck, the equipment for the Red Cross ambulance given to the corps by the Coronado chapter of the American Red Cross, a desk donated to the corps by Mrs. Judah Sears and a clock.

Captain Kennett is compiling a complete roster of the records and reports of the California motor corps which will be issued in book form. It will form a part of the historical record of war activities of the state of California.

Captain Kennett, in discussing the mustering out of the corps, said last evening: "Although the members of the corps regret exceedingly that the time has come to be disorganized yet they feel that they have faithfully fulfilled their duties and, as the war organization activities for which they were created have ceased, they will now enjoy a well earned rest."

A copy of the certificate of appointment for Mrs. Isabella Kennett as captain of the C. M. C. unit No. 1 in the state military reserves follows:

"Reposing especial confidence in the patriotism, valor, fidelity and abilities of Isabella Kennett, I, in accordance with the provisions of the military reserve regulations of the state of California, do by these presents appoint her captain California motor corps No. 1, California military reserve. In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name and caused the seal of my office to be affixed at the city of Sacramento, Calif., this 28th day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

"J. J. BOREE,

"The Adjutant General, State of California."

Each officer received a similar appointment.

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WOMEN OF MOTOR CORPS . 1 GIVEN HIGH PRAISE WHEN USTERED OUT

San Diego Union photographs of the final inspection and mustering out California motor corps, Unit No. 1, at Balboa park yesterday. Top: The members of the motor corps photographed a background of sailors from the naval training camp. Below: Maj. Herbert R. Fay of Camp Kearny inspecting the fore the mustering out.

One of Only Two Like Organizations in U. S. Relieved From Duty.

Before an interested audience of several thousand civilians and sailors of the naval training camp, the California Motor Corps No. 1 of the California military reserve, the only organization in this state and one of the two in the United States to receive official recognition from a state government, was inspected for the last time and mustered out at Balboa park yesterday afternoon.

Maj. Herbert R. Fay, assistant division adjutant at Camp Kearny, was in charge of the demobilization, while Rear Admiral W. F. Fullam and a number of other officers of the navy and marine corps were interested spectators.

When the command to fall in was given, the members of the corps, trim and soldierly in khaki uniforms which have become familiar to San Diegans during the last six months, lined up with military precision while the roll was called. Then, while they were still at attention, Maj. Fay, with Capt. Isabella Kennett, commanding the corps, inspected the organization. The inspection finished, Maj. Fay mounted the steps of the Sacramento building and made a short speech of thanks and appreciation for what had been accomplished by the motor corps since its inception. In part he said:

Corps Highly Praised

"At this time, when I have been ordered to make the final inspection of the California Motor Corps No. 1, I wish to take the opportunity to say that this organization has been a factor in our part in the great war which has just been brought to a successful conclusion.

"For the six months during which this organization has been a part of the California military reserves it has given the city a concrete example of the earnestness and attention to duty which women may bring even to military duties. The women of the United States—yes, of the world—have done their duty as well as have the men in behalf of the democracy for which we struggled.

"The women of this country in particular have done their duty nobly in the home, in the workshop and in the uniform of their special organizations. The people of this city have come to know the California Motor corps, to respect you, and to be proud of what you have accomplished here.

Congratulated on Success

"The time has come when the temporary military forces of the state are to be demobilized and mustered out, and this time is also one when we can tell you how patriotically and loyally you have given your excellent service. And I am here as a representative of the authorities, and in their behalf as well as in that of the whole United States, and with and for all the boys of the service in San Diego, I thank you and congratulate you on the inspiring success of your endeavors."

Then, turning to Capt. Kennett, Maj. Fay said:

"Capt. Kennett, you have conducted the affairs of the California Motor corps as an officer of the army should do. The duties of your office have been well carried out; you have won the appreciation of this city, and you have used your organization with the happiest results. In the name of the citizens of San Diego I thank you."

The Motor corps, which has taken part in all the military activities of this city for the last six months, was officially mustered into service as a part of the California military reserves on Aug. 28, 1918. It was the only organization to be so mustered in this state and, with the exception of a similar organization at Poughkeepsie, was the only one in the United States. At the time of its inception it was officered by Maj. Eva Bird Bosworth, Capt. Ethel B. Doyle, Lieut. Isabella Kennett and Lieut. Rhoda Fullam. On Oct. 18, 1918, Capt. Doyle resigned, whereupon Lieut. Kennett was made captain, Acting Adjutant Cora Abbott was made first lieutenant, and Sergeant Emilie B. Brown was given the appointment of second lieutenant. Maj. Bosworth, field officer, had her headquarters here until Oct. 23, when she removed to San Francisco to increase the scope of the unit. She died there Jan. 8, after a short illness.

Gave Splendid Service

The activities of the corps are included under three general heads—motor messenger service, ambulance service and salvage service. Magazines were collected throughout the city and distributed to the various camps; Christmas boxes were prepared and given away, and even in civilian lines of endeavor or necessity, such as the influenza epidemic here, the members of the corps were conspicuous by their industry and attention to detail. As an example, under the direction of Mrs. H. W. Foote, secretary of the Collegiate Periodical league, the motor corps collected 9400 magazines, and 3300 copies of the Rockwell field weekly paper. On Christmas, 25 boxes of Yuletide cheer were prepared and taken to Camp Kearny, and during the influenza epidemic 790 patients were transported, this work being done through the nights as well as the days.

Cognizance of the worth of the labors of the members of the motor corps has been taken by prominent citizens here from time to time in letters which have become part of the records of the unit. Admiral Fullam has repeatedly thanked these women for their services, their spirit of patriotism, and their devotion to duty. Lieut. Wm. F. Riley, representing the Fosdick commission in San Diego, has written a commendation of the work of the motor messenger service. Jerome Pendleton, representing the war and navy department commissions on training camp activities, has frequently voiced his appreciation of their efforts, especially in transporting entertainers to and from Camp Kearny during the quarantine. This work, which involved a long, hard trip, unseasonable hours, and the inclemency of the weather, was of particular value to the soldiers of the cantonment, who would have otherwise been deprived of a chief source of pleasure.

Women Given Recognition

In the matter of special recognition, the San Diego branch of the American Red Cross has presented to each member of the corps a certificate of appreciation in which the thanks of the nation, her men-at-arms, and the families of her soldiers and sailors are given for their endeavors during the world war.

The following totals partially summarize the activities of the organization in the period between Aug. 21, 1918, and Jan. 15, 1919:

Motor messenger calls, 916.
Ambulance calls, 661.
Patients carried, 821.
Salvage calls made for the Red Cross, 1416.

Value of salvage collected, $4417.57.
Value of salvage collected for the Coronado branch of the Red Cross, $49.17.
The complete list of the officers and members of the motor corps follow:
Capt. Isabella Kennett, First Lieut.

Chicago Tribune
Dec. 12, 1918

Commended for Special Service

The following commendation for special services rendered by members of the California motor corps, No. 1, has been sent by the commanding officer, Capt. Isabella Kent, to those women of the unit whose names appear below it:

"As captain of the California motor corps, No. 1, I wish to commend the following members of the same for the conscientious, willing and efficient manner in which they have fulfilled all their duties, and for the vary large number of hours they have so unselfishly given to the cause: Sergt. Cora X. Abbott, Sergt. Elilie Brill Brown, Sergt. Gertrude Wood, Sergt. Lyle Murray, Corp. Jane Abbott, Corp. Mildred Hartsough, Corp. Helen Prentice, Corp. Eugenia Henning, Corp. W. G. Chase, Privates Lyna Hull, Ada Janicki, Alice Lockwood, Ruth Caussey and Joy Haldeman."

Mariana Sands, First Lieut. Cora X. Abbott, Sec. Lieut. Rhoda Fullam, Sec. Lieut. Emilie Brill Brown, Sergt. Gertrude Wood, Sergt. Edna Carpenter, Sergt. Lyle Murray, Sergt. Rae Keith, Corp. Laura Rude, Corp. Jane Abbott, Corp. Eugenia Hennig, Corp. W. G. Chase, Corp. Estelle Russell, Corp. Mildred Hartsough, Corp. Helen Love, Corp. Helen Prentice.

Privates Laura Virginia Adams, Florence Bowen, Persis Cassidy, Ruth Caussey, R. S. Chase, Kathleen Craig, Edith R. Farmer, Beatrice Henning, Alice Hornaday, Joy Holdeman, Lyna Hull, Ada Janicki, Louise Kickham, W. Lawrence, Margaret Martin, J. B. Mock, A. Myra Pauley, Nellie Rennard, Ruth St. Albans, Gwendolyn Brooks, Evelyn Curry, C. C. Craig, Adelaide Helwig, Chellah Holland, Helen Hird, Stella Klauber, Alice Lockwood, Sibyl March, Peggy Proctor.

MRS. L. M. KENNETT HEADS MOTOR CORPS

Mrs. Luther M. Kennett, formerly Miss Isabella Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Watson Smith, 1462 Ridge avenue, who is now living at Coronado, Cal., is commanding officer (captain) of the California motor corps, unit No. 1, at San Diego, Cal. This was the first motor corps organized in the United States and the only one in California to be mustered into the state military service. The oath of allegiance was taken in August, 1917.

Many letters have been received by Mrs. Kennett congratulating the corps upon the efficiency of its organization and the success attending its work, which is of the most varied character. In addition to its regular work, the corps has been of special service in emergency work connected with the influenza-pneumonia epidemic.

As San Diego is the location of both army and navy camps, the work of this motor corps is likely to continue for some time during the war reconstruction period.

" TENSHUN!"

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I've known a lot of heroes
Since my race in life began--
The guy that copped the laurels
And the dub who also ran:
But now I've got the number
Of the hero of this war
I've seen the only private in
The woman's motor corps;
There's a major and a captain,
And lieutenants five or six,
Who are, God wot, all officers,
And with the favored mix.
And then there are some sergeants,
And corporals a score--
And just a single private in
The woman's motor corps.
Sure, the major and the captain,
And all the lieuties, too,
Who wear the pretty uniforms,
Are woman good and true--
But while they lead the legions
And go marching on before,
I'll salute the only private in
The woman's motor corps.

Pass. for Camp Kearny - during the Influenza Epidemic the members of the C. M.C. were the only people allowed to enter the Camp - with a pass -

HEADQUARTERS CAMP KEARNY,
CALIFORNIA.

December 5, 1918.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Captain Isabelle Kennett, California Motor Corps, No. 1, San Diego, California, has permission to enter and leave Camp Kearny at any hour between Reveille and Taps.

This pass does not authorize passengers to enter camp but same may be taken from camp. By command of Brig. Gen. Davison:

H. C. SMITH,
Major, A.G.,
Adjutant.

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MRS. FREEMAN FIELD AND HER CHILDREN

Photograph by Lou Goodale Bigelow

MRS. LUTHER M. KENNETT

Photograph by Harold A. Taylor

MRS. ROBERT GILPIN ERVIN AND HER SONS

At the Hotel Del Coronado, at Coronado Beach. Mrs. Field, whose home is in Kansas City and who was formerly Miss Virginia Keith, spent the winter at Coronado, while her husband, Captain Field, U. S. A., was overseas with the Ordnance Department of the A. E. F. Mrs. Kennett, who was Miss Isabelle Smith of Evanston, Ill., is Captain of the California Motor Corps, Unit No. 1, Home Defense Reserves under Military Rule, and has been in command of the San Diego Branch. She is a widely known golfer. Mrs. Ervin and her husband, Captain Ervin, U. S. A., made their home at Coronado while he was detailed at the Rockwell Field aviation camp, at North Island. She was formerly Miss Frances Quincy Nichols, daughter of Mrs. Henry Nichols, of Boston

American National Red Cross

Chartered by Congress January 5, 1905

First Aid Certificate

This Certifies that Isabelle S. Kennett has satisfactorily completed a course of instruction in First Aid to the Injured given under the auspices of The American National Red Cross, at Coronado, Cal.

Issued at Washington, July 9, 1917

Woodrow Wilson
President

L. H. Lower
Major, Medical Corps, U. S. Army
In Charge First Aid Division

Chairman Central Committee

Secretary

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MOTOR CORPS DELIVERING SALVAGE
SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

REPORT OF THE

CALIFORNIA MOTOR CORPS NO. 1

Home Defense Reserves

Headquarters C.M.C. No. 1

1. The California Motor Corps No. 1, Home Defense Reserves, was first organized in July, 1918, by Mrs. Eva Bird Bosworth, with the assistance of Mrs. Ethel B. Doyle.

On August 28th, 1918, the Corps was mustered into the military service of the State of California by Lieut. Col. Herbert R. Fay, California National Guard Reserves, Assistant Adjutant General, per instructions Governor Stephens. This was the first Motor Corps unit of women in the State of California to be mustered into the military service, and the second in the United States.

Copy of telegram of instructions to Lieut. Col. Herbert R. Fay from Adjutant General Borree, follows:

"State of California.
The Adjutant General's Office.
Telegram.

Sacramento, California.
August 26, 1918.

Lieutenant Colonel Herbert R. Fay,
Care City Council, City Hall,
San Diego, Calif.

Governor Stephens has issued instructions that San Diego branch Woman's Motor Corps of America be recognized as unit California Home Guard. You are authorized to muster in organization. Regret time too short to have commissions ready for presentation at muster.

Borree."

Reply to same:

"San Diego, Cal. Aug. 28, 1918.

From Asst.-Adj. General
To Adjutant General, Sacramento, California.
Subject: Muster in of Woman's Motor Corps No. 1,
California Defense League, San Diego,

1. This will acknowledge receipt of telegram of 25th inst. directing the muster in of the CALIFORNIA Branch, Woman's Motor Corps of America as part of the California Home Guard.

2. Advise that the muster in will be accomplished this day, August 28th, 1918, at the Stadium, Balboa Park, San Diego, at 5 P. M.

Detailed reports concerning the muster in, the preliminary organization, the officers-elect and the official designation will be rendered with promptness.

Herbert R. Fay, Lt. Col. Calif. Natl. Gd. Res."

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Following are the "general orders" issued by command of the Governor governing the California Motor Corps No. 1, Home Defense Reserves:

GENERAL ORDERS.

I. Believing that the time has come to give official recognition to the women of California who have been and are being of great public service to the military establishment of the State, the Governor hereby authorizes the formation of a military force to be known as the California Motor Corps of the Home Defense Reserves, to be composed of patriotic women who volunteer their services for that and such other military duty as they may be called upon to perform.

II. A unit of the California Motor Corps will consist of women who are skilled operators of motor vehicles and who volunteer their services and motor vehicles for military duty. They will apply for authority to organize such a unit to the Commanding Officer of the infantry organization of the California Guard within whose city, town or village the unit is to be formed, who will forward the application, through this channel, to the Adjutant General of the State with his recommendation thereon. If the application is so approved, the Adjutant General of the State will direct that the proposed organization be inspected by an officer of the California Guard and that the applicants be examined as to their qualifications and fitness as operators of motor vehicles. If such inspection and examination are satisfactory, the unit will be mustered into the California Motor Corps of the Home Defense Reserves as a separate platoon, company or squad by the inspecting officer, who, before mustering the unit, will require each member thereof to subscribe to the following oath of allegiance:

I do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enrolled, this _____ day of _____ 19__ as a member of the California Motor Corps of the Home Defense Reserves for the period of the present emergence, unless sooner discharged by proper authority. I do solemnly swear that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the State of California, and the Government of the United States of America, and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all enemies whomsoever, and that I will obey the orders of the Governor of the State of California and of the officers appointed over my.

III. The Commanding Officer of the California Guard Infantry organization located in the city, town or village where a Motor unit is formed under this order will have control and jurisdiction over it and the commanding officer of such unit will report to him and be under his orders for military duty.

IV. Officers and non-commissioned officers are authorized for units of the California Motor Corps as follows:

Of eight and less than sixteen members:-
1 Sergeant, and
1 Corporal for each eight privates.

Of sixteen and less than forty-eight members:-
1 Second Lieutenant
2 Sergeants
1 Corporal for each eight privates

Of forty-eight and less than seventy-two members:-
1 First Lieutenant
1 Second Lieutenant
3 Sergeants
1 Corporal for each eight privates

Of over seventy-two members:-
1 Captain
2 First Lieutenants
2 Second Lieutenants
1 Sergeant for each sixteen privates
1 Corporal for each eight privates

No officer above the rank of captain shall be authorized, for a major authorized to have command over all units formed in the State.

V. Commissions will be issued by the Governor to properly qualified officers. Warrants will be issued to non-commissioned officers by the commanding officer of the unit of which they are members. Such warranted officers

shall receive their appointments not only for their knowledge of their duties but also for their ability to control and maintain discipline over the members under their charge.

VI. The uniform of the organization will be of olive drab or khaki material and of such pattern as may be approved by this office. It shall consist of coat or blouse, skirt reaching to top of leather leggings, riding breeches, khaki colored skirt, black four-in-hand tie, Sam Browne belt and low-heeled high shoes to match leggings and belt, and over-seas cap of same material as suit, of the style worn by officers of the American army abroad, with broad band of French blue around cap and on the collar of the coat or blouse, and insignia as follows:

Major - gold leaf on shoulder
Captain - two silver bars on shoulder
First Lieutenant-one silver bar on shoulder
Second Lieutenant - one gold bar on shoulder

Non-commissioned officers - chevrons will be worn inverted on upper part of sleeve.

If desired, the letters C.M.C. may be used upon the collar of the uniform but never the letter C alone. Officers of the corps will wear the corps insignia of a motor wheel with the letters C.M.C inside, upon their caps.

VIII. There being no public monies available for the use of Motor units, they shall be equipped and maintained by the members thereof under such regulations as may be adopted by each unit.

IX. Such portions of paragraphs of the Home Guard rules as are not inconsistent with the provisions of this order shall apply to the California Motor Corps of the Home Defense Reserves, the term "Man" or "Men" when used therein being changed to "Woman" or "Women" for the purpose of this order.

X. Before members of units of the California Motor Corps shall be eligible for enlistment in ambulance or motor units, of the Federal service, should such units be called into service, they must have successfully passed examinations in auto-mechanics, first-aid and simple infantry drill. Auto-mechanics shall be taken under the high school or polytechnic school of the city, town or village in which unit is formed; first-aid certificates shall be secured after taking a course

under the American Red Cross in first-aid; and military drill certificates shall be issued by a commissioned officer of the United States or by the commanding officer of the California Guard in the place where such unit is formed.

BY COMMAND OF THE GOVERNOR

Official: The Adjutant General.

Major, Assistant to the Adjutant General.

Copy of Commissions issued to Officers of

California Motor Corps No. 1, Home Defence Reserves.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

TO ALL TO WHOM TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETING:

Reposing especial confidence in the patriotism, valor, fidelity and abilities of

_____

I, in accordance with the provisions of the Military Reserve Regulations of the State of California, do by these presents appoint her

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CALIFORNIA MILITARY RESERVE

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and caused the seal of my office to be affixed at the City of Sacramento, California, this twenty-eighth day of August, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighteen.

J. J. Borree
The Adjutant General
State of California.

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PRO PATRIA

San Diego Chapter American Red Cross

TO

Captain Isabella Kennett

IN APPRECIATION of faithful service, performed in San Diego, in behalf of the Nation, her Men at Arms, and the Families of Soldiers and Sailors during the World War.

Executive Committee:

Mary J. Gale — Forrest Thompson

Mrs. N. Harrison Fritts — Eugene Daniel

Arthur H. Marston — Will J. Thayer

Leroy A. Wright
Chairman

Following is Roster of Members California Motor Corps No. 1
Home Defense Reserves
At the time of Muster-in, August 28th, 1918.

OFFICERS:

Bosworth, Eva Bird,	Major
Doyle, Ethel B.	Captain
Kennett, Isabella,	First Lieutenant
Sands, Mariana,	First Lieutenant
Fullam, Rhoda,	Second Lieutenant

Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates:

Abbott, Sr.
Abbott, Jr.
Brown, E. B. Sgt.
Chase,
Cassidy,
Chase, W. G.
Carpenter
Delgrove,
Fullam,
Holderman,
Helwig,
Hartsough,
Henning, Sr.
Henning, Jr.
Huntington, Sgt.
Janicki,
Keith,
Kenyon,
Kennett,
Klauber,
Love,
Murray,
Mock,
Morrison,
Procter,
Pauley,
Prentice,
Reilly,
Russell,
Rude,
Sands,
Whipple,
Wood.

In order to enlist in the Corps the following requirements were necessary:

1. To pass physical examination by Corps Doctor.
2. A First Aid Certificate.
3. A Motor Mechanic's Certificate.
4. To take the Oath of Allegiance, which follows:

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California.

That for the period of the war I will place my services and automobile at the disposal of the United States or of the State of California.

That I will obey all commands and perform all duties which may be given me or assigned to me by any properly authorized or commissioned superior officer, so help me God.

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Auto-mechanics classes were immediately formed under the direction of Mr. F. D. Finn at the Ply. High School for those who had not the required certificates.

Also First-Aid classes under the direction of E. A. Hensell and later under Dr. Mott H. Arnold.

Military drill was held three times a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from four to five, under the direction of a commissioned officer of the U. S. Army.

The following officers kindly offered their services for same:

Captain Brooks,	21st Inf. U.S.A.
Captain Strong, Frank B.	U. S. Marines
Lieut. Gilman, Frank,	U. S. Marines
Capt. Worthington, Geo. B.	Med. Corps, U.S.A.
Corporal Campbell,	Med. Dept. U.S.A.

II. The California Motor Corps No. 1 was officially appointed to take charge of the collecting of salvage for the San Diego Chapter of the American Red Cross. Following is the letter of appointment:

American Red Cross, San Diego Chap. Aug.21,1918.

The San Diego Chapter of the American Red Cross hereby appoints the San Diego Branch of the Motor Corps of America their representative to operate trucks for the collection of salvage.

Percival Thompson,
Vice-Chairman.

Lieutenant Kennett was put in charge of the Truck and Salvage Department and raised the money to pay for a new Ford truck to be used exclusively for the Red Cross Salvage and Shop Department, by private subscription.

Following is a list of donations for the same:

Howard Baker	$100.00
L. M. Kennett	100.00
Dr. M. O. Terry	100.00
H.H. Jones	50.00
R. T. Robinson	50.00
Percival Thompson	50.00
A Friend	50.00

A. S. Bridges	$25.00
M. F. Heller	25.00
Mrs. R. T. Robinson	25.00
Joe Sefton, Jr.	25.00
John D. Spreckels	25.00
Mrs. Gale Thompson	25.00
Gale Thompson	25.00
Mrs. A. B. Daniels	20.00
John Hawley, Jr.	20.00
Geo. G. Prentice	20.00
Frank Belcher, Jr.	10.00
Ralph Chase	10.00
Miss Stella Klauber	10.00
F. S. Sherman	10.00
Admiral V. Sebree	10.00
Julius Wangenheim	10.00
H. R. Bledsoe	5.00
Edna E. Carpenter	5.00
Mrs. P. S. Chancellor	5.00
H. S. Dorland	5.00
Robert Dunn	5.00
E. O. Hodge	5.00
Mrs. Homer Oatman	5.00
Mrs. D. H. Roberts	5.00
Mrs. Claus Spreckels	5.00
A Friend	5.00
A Friend	2.00
Total,	$857.00

On October 18, 1918, Captain Ethel B. Doyle resigned her commission and Lieutenant Isabella Kennett was promoted to Captain and remained in command of the California Motor Corps No. 1 until the Corps was officially mustered out of the State Military Service on January 18, 1919.

Acting Adjutant Cora Abbott was promoted to First Lieut.
Sergt. Emilie Brill Brown was promoted to rank of Second Lieut.

Major E. B. Bosworth, firld officer of the California Motor Corps No. 1, in command of al California units of same, made her headquarters in San Diego until October 23rd, at which time she moved to San Francisco. She died in San Francisco on January 9, 1919, from influenza.

III. The Red Cross Ambulance, which was donated to the California Motor Corps No. 1 to operate, was equipped by the Coronado Chapter of the American Red Cross. This Ambulance was on duty night and day and the women rendered valuable service to the community with same. Special commendation should be given to Sergeant Wood, who was on duty every night from October 1st to January 1st, 1919.

The C. M. C. Ambulance worked for the following organizations:

The American Red Cross
The United Service Hospital
Civilian Relief
U. S. Army
U. S. Navy
City of San Diego, Board of Health.

During the most severe period of the influenza epidemic, the California Motor Corps No. 1 operated two U. S. Army ambulances besides the Red Cross one. One of the same was secured by Senator Wright, Chairman S. D. Chap. A.R.C. by courtesy Col. Ravenal, Camp Surgeon, Camp Kearny; and the other was secured by Capt. Kennett through Col. Oliver, Chief of Staff, Camp Kearny. The former reported for duty on Dec. 9th at C.M.C Hdqrs., and the latter on Dec. 12th, and both remained on duty day and night until Dec. 23rd, During this time they carried 273 influenza patients to Hospitals.

Following are letters of appreciation to California Motor Corps No. 1, for services rendered:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.
November 22nd, 1918.

Capt. Kennett,
California Motor Corps No. 1,
San Diego, Cal.

Dear Capt. Kennett:

In behalf of the Board of Health of the City of San Diego, I beg to express my extreme appreciation and gratitude for the valuable services rendered by the California Motor Corps, Unit No. 1.

The aid rendered the Health Department during the present epidemic of influenza has necessitated your answering calls at all hours both day and night, and the service given has always been of an exceptionally high standard.

The services of the Motor Corps have been positively in-

dispensable to this Department, as it would have been impossible for us to cope with the situation without your valuable assistance.

It is remarkable the ease with which your ladies handle all cases, even those that are most difficult. They have been compelled to remove patients from all sorts of living conditions, many of which were of a most disagreeable character, but the fortitude and capability displayed, together with the genial manner in which they went to work, is such that too much credit can not be given.

The Board of Health in profound appreciation begs to extend to you and the Motor Corps its heartfelt thanks.

Yours very truly,
E. P. Chartres-Martin, M.D.
Health Officer and Superintendent.

AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS
San Diego Chapter

Nov. 27th, 1918.

Captain Isabella Kennett,
California Motor Corps,
CITY.

My dear Captain Kennett:

The excellent work the California Motor Corps is doing today assisting in removing hospital patients from the Fremont School Hospital to the new temporary hospital provided by the City, is deeply appreciated by the Red Cross.

This reminds me that Mr. M. F. Heller, at the head of the Red Cross Department of Salvage and Shops, has frequently spoken to me of the invaluable assistance rendered the salvage department by your motor corps. He informs me that all the hauling of salvage has been done by your Corps of excellent workers. More than once he has suggested that I write you expressing the appreciation of his department and the Chapter for this valuable service. I now take great pleasure in doing so. I am at a loss to know just what we would have done to meet the emergency during the influenza epidemic had it not been for the Motor Corps and the manner in which it served us with the Red Cross Ambulance.

Again assuring you of our deep appreciation, I remain,
Yours very truly,
Leroy A. Wright, Chairman,
San Diego Chapter A.R.C.

AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS
San Diego Chapter

December 24, 1918.

Captain Isabella Kennett,
Commander, American Motor Corps No. 1,
CITY.

My dear Captain Kennett:

The report of Motor Corps No. 1, showing that you have conveyed in the ambulances under your charge 779 patients during the period between October 1st and the present date, is a wonderful showing. That you have a well disciplined and devoted corps of workers is evidenced from the results.

I can not too strongly express the appreciation of the San Diego Chapter for your excellent and efficient service. The public will never know how much good you have done.

Wishing you and all the members of your corps a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I remain,

Yours very truly,
Leroy A. Wright, Chairman,
San Diego Chapter A. R. C.

WAR DEPARTMENT
Commission on Training Camp Activities
Washington.

806 Watts Bldg.
San Diego, Cal.
January 9, 1919.

Law Enforcement Division
Section on Vice and Liquor Control.

From: Field Representative.
TO: California Motor Corps Number One.
Subject: Transportation.

1. I wish to express to the California Motor Corps Number One, my acknowledgement of and gratitude for the service which has been rendered to this office by the organization during the period of my work here.

2. At the same time, it is desired to commend your organization for the unselfish work which has been done with great sacrifice of time and energy and with no other reward than the knowledge of service rendered.

William F. Riley,
1st Lieutenant, San. C. U.S.A.

UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
DIVISION TWO
U. S. S. FORWARD, FLAGSHIP
14th January, 1919.

Captain Kennett,
Commanding California Motor Corps No. 1,
San Diego, California.

My dear Captain Kennett:

I am informed that the California Motor Corps No. 1 is to be mustered out of service in the near future, and I feel it is my duty, as Senior Naval Officer, and in behalf of the Naval Stations in this vicinity, to express appreciation of the important services rendered by your gallant little organization.

I have had ample opportunity to observe and to be thoroughly acquainted with the work done by your Corps, and the fine spirit of patriotism and of devotion to duty which has animated the Corps and its individual members.

The work of those engaged in the ambulance and salvage work was strenuous and deserves special commendation.

I am delighted to note that the State of California, the National Red Cross and others have borne testimony to your splendid work and that you have received some reward and recognition for duty so well done.

With hearty congratulations, and with sincere good wishes for the future of each member of your Corps, I am,

Faithfully yours,
W. F. FULLAM
Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy,
Commander Division Two,
Pacific Fleet.

WAR CAMP COMMUNITY SERVICE
for the
WAR DEPARTMENT AND NAVY DEPARTMENT
COMMISSIONS ON TRAINING CAMP ACTIVITIES
San Diego, California.

January 18, 1919.

Capt. Kennett, Commanding Officer,
California Motor Corps No. 1,
San Diego, California.
My dear Captain Kennett:

It is with sincere regret that I learned upon my return

to the office of the demobilization of California Motor Corps No. 1, which is to take place to-day. I can not see your valuable organization mustered out of the service without expressing to you our hearty appreciation of the service you have rendered the war Camp Community Service. I believe the very first work that was undertaken by the Motor Corps was for the war Camp Community Service. This was for the Fourth of July Pageant at Balboa Park, and many weeks of valuable aid was given us at that time. This was before the formal organization of your unit, and the work was performed by Major Bosworth and Captain Doyle, and out of that work grew your organization.

Since that time, the Motor Corps has performed continuous service for the war Camp Community Service, and has always been ready to respond on the shortest possible notice. I wish to especially commend you for the service rendered during the quarantine period of Camp Kearny, in transporting entertainers back and forth to Camp each night during this time. This was greatly appreciated by the men stationed at Camp Kearny and also by the war Camp Community Service.

We have always found the members of the Motor Corps cheerful and willing to do even the most unpleasant duties required of them, and we most earnestly express to the entire personnel of the Corps, the thanks and appreciation of the War Camp Community Service and the writer personally, for each and every service rendered, and we regret that the time has arrived for their being mustered out of the service.

Assuring you of our appreciation of your own co-operation, and again thanking you, I beg to remain,

Most respectfully yours,

JEROME B. PENDLETON,

Representing War and Navy Department
Commissions on Training Camp Activities
in War Camp Community Service.

CERTIFICATES

RED CROSS

On Monday, January 13th, at the annual meeting of the San Diego Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Chairman, Senator Leroy A. Wright, presented all the members of the California Motor Corps No. 1, Home Defense Reserves, with certificates of appreciation for the valuable services they have rendered the community.

Copy of same follows:

"P R O P A T R I A"

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER AMERICAN RED CROSS

TO

IN APPRECIATION of faithful service, performed in San Diego, in behalf of the Nation, her Men at Arms, and the Families of Soldiers and Sailors during the World War.

Executive Committee:
Mary J. Gale
Mrs. Harmon W. Smith
Arthur H. Marston
Percival Thompson
Eugene Darnall
Will J. Thayer
Leroy A. Wright, Chairman.

IV. One of the branches of work done by the Corps was the collecting and distributing of magazines to the various camps, under the direction of Mrs. W. H. Foote, Secretary of the Collegiate Periodical League. Over 9400 magazines were distributed in this way. 3300 Rockwell Field editions were also distributed in November.

25 boxes were received from the Red Cross and filled for the soldiers at Camp Kearny, Christmas.

V. As Captain of the California Motor Corps No. 1, I wish to commend the following members of same for the conscientious, willing and efficient manner in which they have fulfilled all their duties and for the very large number of hours they have so unselfishly given to the cause:

Lieutenant Emilie Brill Brown
Lieutenant Cora X. Abbott

Sergt. Wood, Gertrude,
Sergt. Murray, Lyle
Corp. Abbott, Jane
Corp. Hartsough, Mildred
Corp. Prentice, Helen
Corp. Henning, Eugenia
Corp. Chase, W. G.
Private, Hull, Lyna
Private, Janicki, Ada
Private Lockwood, Alice
Private Caussey, Ruth
Private Holderman, Joy

Complete Roster of members of the California Motor Corps No. 1, Home Defense Reserves, when mustered out of service on January 18, 1919, by

Major Herbert R. Fay, U. S. A.

° Bosworth, E. B.	Field Major
Kennett, Isabella,	Captain
Abbott, Cora X.	1st. Lieutenant
Sands, Mariana	1st. Lieutenant
Fullam, Rhoda	2nd. Lieutenant
Brown, Emilie Brill	2nd. Lieutenant

Carpenter, Edna	Sergeant, 1st.	Love, Helen	Corporal
Keith, Rae,	"	Prentice, Helen	"
Wood, Gertrude	"	Rude, Laura	"
Murray, Lyle	"	Russell, Estelle	"
Hartsough, Mildred,	Corporal	Chase, W. G.	"
Henning, Eugenia	"	Abbott, Jane	"

PRIVATES

Adams, Laura	Hird, Helen
Bowan, Florence	Hull, Lyna
Brooks, Gwendolyn	Janicki, Ada
Caussey, Ruth	Kickham, Louise
Craig, Kathleen	Klauber, Stella
Craig, C. C.	Lawrence, W.
Chase, Rita	Lockwood, Alice
Curry, Evelyn	Martin, Margaret
Cassidy, Persis	Mock, J. B.
Farmer, Edith R.	March, Sibyl
Henning, Beatrice	Pauley, Myra
Hornaday, Alice	Procter, Peggy
Holderman, Joy	Rennard, Nellie
Holland, Chellah	St. Albans, Ruth
Helwig, Adelaide	

° Died Jan. 9, 1919.

VI. The C. M. C. No. 1 wish to thank the following who have greatly assisted the organization with their co-operation:

Governor W. D. Stephens
Adjutant General Borree
Senator Leroy A. Wright, Chairman S.D. Chap. A.R.C.
General P. W. Davidson
Admiral W. F. Fullam

Col Ravenal, Camp Surgeon, Camp Kearny
Col Oliver, U.S.A., Chief of Staff, Camp Kearny
Major Herbert R. Fay, U.S.A.
Major Snyder, U.S.A.
Capt. George Worthington, U.S.A.
Wm. V. Cowan, Secretary State Council of Defense
Mrs. Simpson, Chairman County Council of Defense
Dr. Mott H. Arnold
Dr. E. A. Hensell
Dr. Martha Welpton
Dr. Frances Allen
H. H. Jones
Percival Thompson, Vice Pres. S.D.Chap. R.C. Committee
C. D. Weiss, Secy. S.D. Chap. R.C. Salvage Committee
Alex. Reynolds, Jr.
J. H. Sears
Jerome B. Pendleton
M. F. Heller, Chairman S.D. Chap. A.R.C. Committee.

Also the following business concerns:

Pioneer Truck Company
Sinclair Garage
Frevert-Bledsoe Company
The Marston Company
Benbough Furniture Company
Rubin Furniture Company

VII. The California Motor Corps No. 1, Home Defense Reserves, was officially mustered out of the military service of the State of California on January 18th, 1919, by Major Herbert R. Fay, under instructions from the Adjutant General of the State, J. J. Borree, Brigadier General, N.G.C. at the Plaza, Balboa Park, San Diego, at 3 o'clock.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
The Adjutant General's Office
SACRAMENTO

January 8, 1919.

From : The Adjutant General, State of California,
To: Captain Isabella Kennett, California Motor Corps No. 1,
400 U.S. Nat'l Bank Bldg. San Diego, Calif.
Subject: Muster-out of Motor Corps.

1. In reply to your letter of January 3rd, please be advised that we are this day writing to Col. Herbert R. Fay, requesting him to formally muster-out your organization.

2. Governor William D. Stephens has asked me to express to you and your organization his deep appreciation of the splendid services you have rendered to the State and Nation

during the period of the emergency. It was this splendid spirit shown by the people of the United States that made possible the winning of the war. The people of San Diego should indeed, be proud of the fact that San Diego was the home of California Motor Corps No. 1.

J. J. Borree,
Brigadier General N. G. C.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
The Adjutant General's Office
SACRAMENTO

January 8, 1919.

From: The Adjutant General, State of California
To: Major Herbert R. Fay, Headquarters Department, Camp Kearny, California.
Subject: Muster-out of California Motor Corps No. 1.

1. We are in receipt of a letter from Captain Isabella Kennett, commanding California Motor Corps No. 1, requesting that you be detailed to formally muster their organization out of the service.

2. If it is convenient for you to do so, will you please communicate with Captain Kennett and arrange for the place and date upon which the formal muster-out may take place. The details for the muster-out will be left entirely in your hands.

J. J. Borree,
Brigadier General N. G. C.

220-8 1st Ind.
Hq. 16th Division, Camp Kearny, Cal. Jan. 14, 1919.
To the Adjutant General, State of California, Sacramento, Calif.
Thru approval granted by the Commanding General, I shall be pleased to serve as Mustering-out Officer for the California Motor Corps No. 1. Following conference with Captain Kennett as to place, date and details of the muster-out, a report covering same will be rendered.

Herbert R. Fay
Major, A. G.
Division Adjutant.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

The Adjutant General's Office,

SACRAMENTO

January 31, 1919.

From: The Adjutant General, State of California.
To: Captain Isabella Kennett, California Motor Corps, No. 1, San Diego, California.
Subject:- Organization Report.

1. We are in receipt of your very complete report of the activity of the California Motor Corps No. 1, in San Diego, during the period of the war. Governor Stephens and this office desire to express to you our appreciation for the splendid services rendered to the State and Nation by the patriotic women of your organization.

J. J. Borree,
Brigadier General N.G.C.
The Adjutant General.

Complete Report
of
Motor Messenger Service
From August 21, 1918 to January 15, 1919.

AUGUST 21, 1918

War Camp Community Service	14
U. S. Army	5
C. M. C.	2
Total calls	21

SEPTEMBER

United Service Hospital	39
W. C. C. Service	21
Civilian Relief	16
Belgium Relief	15
Liberty Loan Committee	14
U. S. Navy	1
U. S. Army	2
American Protective League	1
Miscellaneous Calls	33
Total calls	142

OCTOBER

Civilian Relief	8
War Camp Com. Service	18
(Night calls, transportation of players back and forth to Camp Kearny)	
United Service Hospital	50
Liberty Loan Hdquarters	52
U. S. Army and Navy	60
Miscellaneous calls	92
Total calls	280

NOVEMBER

Civilian Relief	12
U. S. War Relief	25
Red Cross Service Hospital	56
U. S. Navy	44
U. S. Army	43
Miscellaneous	99
Total calls	279

DECEMBER

War Camp Com. Service	30
U. S. Army	31
U. S. Navy	24
Civilian Relief	2
Marine Corps	2
United Charities	1
Jewish Welfare Board	1
San Diego Floral Assn. (Flowers to Camp)	3
Red Cross Emergency Com.(all day)	44
City Nurse	5
C. M. C.	7
Miscellaneous	16
Total calls	171

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JANUARY

Red Cross Service Hospital	4
American Red Cross	9
U. S. Navy	2
U. S. Army	3
San Diego Floral Assn.	2
Y. W. C. A.	1
C. M. C.	2
Total calls	23

Total Messenger calls,

from August 21, 1918 to January 15, 1919, --- 916.

Complete Report
of
Ambulance Service

From August 21, 1918 to January 15, 1919.

SEPTEMBER

Civilian Relief, Coronado - - - -	3
Patients,	3

OCTOBER

Civilian Relief - - - - - - - - - - - - -	9
U. S. Navy - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2
United Service Hospital - - - - - - - - -	4
Health Board - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	60
Red Cross - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	4
Miscellaneous - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	7
Total calls, - -	90
Patients, - - -	105

NOVEMBER

Civilian Relief - - - - - - - - - - - - -	10
U. S. Navy - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	18
Health Board - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	169
Red Cross Service Hospital - - - - - - - -	2
U. S. Army - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1
Miscellaneous - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	12
Total calls, - -	212
Patients, - - -	323

Wednesday, Nov. 27th, 80 patients were moved from Fremont to Mission Emergency Hospital.

DECEMBER

C. M. C. Ambulance, and operated in addition, 2 U. S. Army Ambulances, from December 9th to December 22nd inclusive.

Civilian Relief	4
U. S. Army	1
U. S. Navy	5
Red Cross Emergency	126
Health Board	114
Total calls	252
Patients,	368

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JANUARY

United Service Hospital	4
Red Cross Emergency	5
Health Board	3
U. S. Navy	2
U. S. Army	1
Civilian Relief	3
C. M. C.	1
Total calls	19
Patients,	22

Total number of calls made and patients carried from August 21st, 1918 to January 15, 1919:

Calls	661
Patients	821

TOTAL EXPENSE ON AMBULANCE
from
September 21st, 1918 to January 15, 1919.

September 21st to October 1st, - - - -	$ 3.67
October - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	37.25
November - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	51.79
December - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	113.21
January - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	4.72
Total	$210.64

DONATIONS FOR AMBULANCE:

San Diego Chapter American Red Cross,
donated for service, to be operated by
C. M. C. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
Ambulance

Coronado Chapter American Red Cross,
Equipment for ambuhance

San Diego Street Ry. Co.	Gong
Mrs. Emilie Brill Brown	Blankets
Mrs. L. M. Kennett	Pillow and cases
Dodge Brothers	Tools
Kissel Kar Company	Tools
Auto Ex. & Wrecking Co.	Tools
D. Hases & Son	Tool Box
Liberty Garage	Free Storage
Sanitary Laundry	Free Laundry
Army and Navy Laundry	Free Laundry

CASH DONATIONS:

Cash - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$22.00
Captain Hyatt - - - - - - - - - - - -	5.00
American Red Cross - - - - - - - -	100.00
Mrs. Claus Spreckels - - - - - - -	50.00
Mrs. Weinstock - - - - - - - - - -	5.00

SALVAGE REPORT

Salvage collected for San Diego Chapter American Red Cross

from

August 21st, 1918 to January 15, 1919.

From August 21st until September 5th, the Corps operated trucks which were donated for that purpose by:

Sinclair Ford Garage
Pioneer Truck Company

	Salvage Calls	Value
August	97	$ 283.24
September	392	1144.64
October	439	1279.99
November	254	1014.02
December	160	496.93
January	74	197.85
Totals	1416	$4417.57

Money collected for Coronado Red Cross for salvage collected and sold:

November	$20.25
December	24.42
January	4.50
Total	$49.17

List of Donations for C. M. C. Truck:

September, donations for new truck - - - - -		$857.00
October, Truck fund:		
Sergeant Keith - - - - - - - - - -		10.00
Sergeant Carpenter - - - - - - - -		5.00
Lieut. Brown - - - - - - - - - - -		5.00
Cash - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -		4.20
Total		$881.20

Total expense on C. M. C. Truck paid by
San Diego Chapter American Red Cross:

September - - - - - - - - - - - -	$18.70	
October - - - - - - - - - - - - -	25.11	
November - - - - - - - - - - - - -	16.61	
December - - - - - - - - - - - - -	8.83	
Total - - - - - - -		$73.07

Total expense on Salvage Truck paid by
California Motor Corps:

October - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 9.88	
December - - - - - - - - - - - - -	15.20	
Total - - - - - - -		25.08

Total expense from Aug. 21st 1918 to Jan.15,1919, $98.15

Total Expense Account

CALIFORNIA MOTOR CORPS NO. 1

from
September 18th, 1918, to January 15th, 1919.

SEPTEMBER

Receipts - - - - -	$169.40
Disbursements - - - -	120.32
Balance	49.08

OCTOBER

Receipts - - - - -	$329.75
Disbursements - - - -	120.41
Balance	258.42

NOVEMBER

Receipts - - - - -	$ 21.50
Disbursements - - - -	191.18
Balance	88.74

DECEMBER

Receipts - - - - -	$200.00
Disbursements - - - -	78.69
Balance	210.05

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January

Receipts - - - - -	$
Disbursements - - - -	192.71
Balance January 15th,	$ 17.34

Isabella S. Kennett
Captain California Motor
Corps No 1

S. D. Union - July 4

VALIANT SERVICE PERFORMED BY WOMEN IN WORLD WAR 1

Police Court Matron Recalls Activities With Corps in 1918

By HUGH KNOX

World War II Wacs, Waves, Spars, women marines and ambulance corpswomen had their counterparts in World War I, Mrs. Gertrude Wood, police court matron, recalled yesterday.

Mrs. Wood was a sergeant in the first all-woman motor corps unit organized as a part of the California home guard, which was mustered into service Aug. 18, 1918, at Balboa stadium. It was designated California Motor Corps Unit 1 of America.

The corps performed valiant service in San Diego in the severe influenza epidemic. An American Red Cross ambulance was donated to the corps and equipped by the Coronado Red Cross chapter Women of the corps labored night and day carrying influenza victims to hospitals.

EVERY NIGHT WORKED

Many times when Sgt. Wood arrived at the hospital with her patient he was dead, she recalled, and she had to take him to the morgue instead. She received special commendation for working every night from Oct. 1, 1918, to Jan. 1, 1919, and many days worked around the clock.

One of the places to which the women made many trips was the service hospital, which had been hurriedly equipped with beds and medical supplies and was located on North First ave. Here they brought many wives of servicemen to have their babies, and Mrs. Wood said they had as many babies during the last war as in World War II.

CAPTAIN LIVES HERE

The California Motor Corps 1, home defense reserves, first was organized in July, 1918, by Mrs. Eva Bird Bosworth and Mrs. Ethel B. Doyle. Mrs. Doyle was its first captain, later resigning and being replaced by Mrs. Isabella Kennett, who still resides in Coronado.

The unit was awaiting orders for overseas duty and was prepared to leave for embarkation at San Francisco, when the armistice was signed on Nov. 11. At that time the unit had five officers and 34 privates and non-commissioned officers.

CLASSES FORMED

Auto mechanics classes were formed and instructed by F. D. Finn Mrs. Wood said. First aid classes were under the direction of E. A. Hensell and Dr. Mott H. Arnold. Military drill was held three days a week, with non-commissioned army officers as instructors. The unit was officially designated to take charge of salvage collection for the American Red Cross and did outstanding work in this field.

Capt. Kennett was placed in charge of the salvage division and raised $857 to purchase a new truck, Mrs. Wood reminisced.

CORPS MUSTERED OUT

The corps was mustered out of service Jan. 18, 1919, by Maj. Herbert R. Fay, U.S.A. At that time its officers were Cept. Kennett, 1st Lt. Cora X. Abbott, 1st Lt. Mariana Sands, 2nd Lt. Rhoda Fullam, 2nd Lt. Emilie Brill Brown, and Sgts. Edna Carpenter, Rae Keith, Mrs. Wood and Lyle Murray.

When the unit was mustered out of service Sgt. Wood, transferred to the ambulance division of the Red Cross and continued transporting influenza patients until Aug. 1, 1919, she said.

MRS. GERTRUDE WOOD . . . drove ambulance.

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